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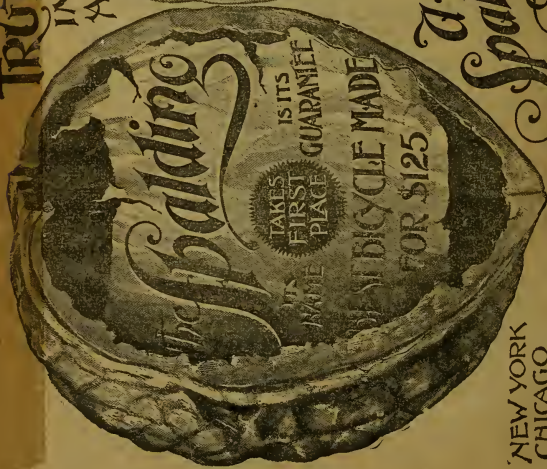
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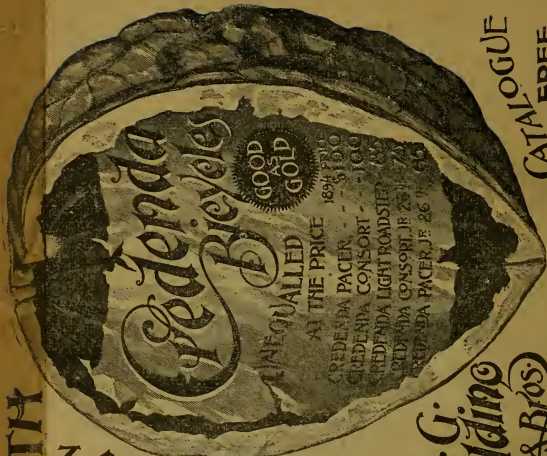
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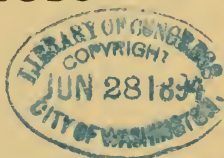
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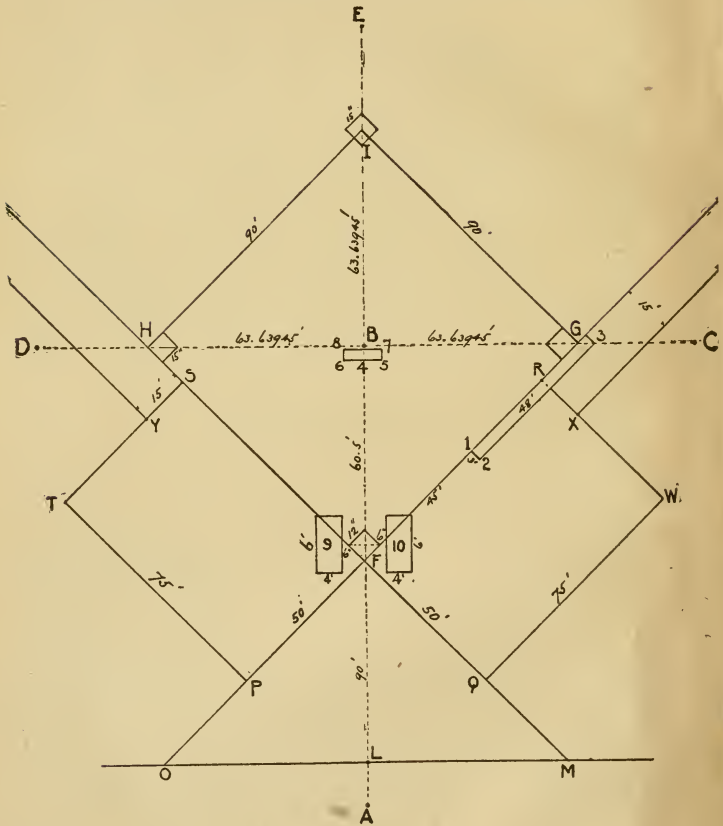
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EASTERN LEAGUE GUIDE.

The Eastern League.

The greatest collective success which was probably ever achieved by a minor association of base ball clubs was achieved by the Eastern League of 1893. In more than one instance did this organization lay claim to the extraordinary title of record breaker.

It was the first minor League to have played out the schedule agreed upon in the spring without change in date or membership, and without bolstering up some weaker club.

It was the first minor League to go through a season without a special meeting of some kind.

It was the first minor League in which two-thirds of the clubs made money.

It was the first minor League to finish a season without a vacancy and with every club eager to retain membership another year.

It was the first minor League that has lived close to a salary limit.

It was the first minor League of some age, and with a reserve list to start with, where two new clubs won both the pennant and the place.

This is a remarkable record, which will always give the Eastern League of 1893 a prominent place in base ball history.

The business part and the campaign of the Eastern League were well conducted and free from scandal of any kind; excellent discipline was maintained in the ranks, and the club officials did their share toward promoting harmony, thus making smooth sailing for President Powers.

The championship race was towards the close most exciting, and had a most remarkable finish, as it was not until within one day of the close of the schedule that first and second places were conclusively settled. The spurt and finish of the Erie and Springfield teams was wonderful when it is considered that these teams were gathered at hap-hazard at the beginning of the season, neither club having any reserved players as a nucleus; and that for the greater part of the season the Troys had a seemingly insurmountable lead.

Only two clubs transgressed the salary limit rule; but so slightly as to affect neither their own treasuries nor the other clubs. The result is that owing to this rigid observance of wise, economic rules, coupled with very fair attendance, all of the clubs but two made a clear profit on the season. Of the excepted two one came out about even, while the losses of the remaining club were not so heavy as to cripple it seriously or compel its withdrawal from the field.

THE SPRING MEETING.

At a meeting held in Buffalo on the 13th of March, 1893, the Eastern League organization of 1892 made a heroic attempt to pull itself together in the face of discouragement which threatened to send the crippled craft upon the rocks permanently. At the meeting the following cities were represented: Buffalo, James Franklin and John Chapman; Binghamton, A. S. Patton; Albany, L. T. Fassett; Troy, J. D. Maloney; Providence, Walter W. Burnham.

The first business done was to elect P. T. Powers President. A schedule of 112 games, extending from May until September, was agreed to. A salary limited of \$1,500 per month was adopted, and to this each club promised to comply.

Erie's application for membership was accepted.

W. W. Newell, of Binghamton, was made a Committee of One to Revise the Constitution. Powers, Burnham and Patton were named a Committee to fill Vacancies on the Circuit from the applications of Utica, Rochester, Syracuse, Scranton, Wilkesbarre, Worcester and Lowell. Mr Powers was also authorized to draw up the schedule of games.

Thus was the great season successfully inaugurated. President Powers went to work with a love for and an understanding of what lay before him, and the result was as it has been set forth above.

THE ANNUAL MEETING FOR 1894.

The annual meeting, which occurred at Troy, on the 13th and 14th of November last, was in its nature a congratulatory gathering. When President Powers called the meeting to order, the clubs were represented as follows: Springfield, Manager T. E. Burns, and Secretary George B. Rathburn; Buffalo, President James B. Franklin, and Manager J. C. Chapman; Erie, President John Depinet, and Manager C. H. Morton; Albany, President L. T. Fassett; Binghamton, A. S. Patton; Providence, E. A. Johnson, W. J. Draper and Oscar Stahl; Troy, M. D. Russell, Charles H. Van Arnam and J. D. Maloney; Wilkesbarre, F. Bogart and L. W. Long.

There was little or no business demanding the attention of the delegates. Applications for membership from Syracuse, Toronto and Scranton were received, but not acted upon. There was no possible vacancy in the 1893 circuit, and no disposition to increase the circuit for 1894. However, a Committee, consisting of the President and Messrs. Franklin, Burns and Bogart were named to consider new applications for membership. The revision of the Constitution was placed in the hands of C. H. Van Arnem, of Troy; P. E. Bogart, of Wilkesbarre; and President Powers.

P. T. Powers was unanimously re-elected President of the League, and the election of the directors was postponed until the schedule meeting, at the Fifth Avenue Hotel, New York, February 21st, 1894.

THE CHAMPIONSHIP RACE.

The championship race of the Eastern League ended September 15th, with the Erie pennant winner, after one of the hottest finishes ever witnessed. Springfield ended a close second. Troy, which at one time made a runaway race, and led by nearly one hundred points, had to be content at the finish with third place. Buffalo is a comfortable fourth, Binghamton, Albany, Providence and Wilkesbarre finished in the order named. Erie won every series but three, broke even on two of them, and lost one. Springfield won every series but two, breaking even on one and losing one; while Troy won every series but one, and broke even on that. It is interesting to note that Springfield won the series with Erie and lost the series to Troy, but finished behind the former and ahead of the latter. Troy and Erie broke even in their series. Buffalo won three series, tied three and lost one. Binghamton won but two of the series with Providence, and Wilkesbarre tied one and lost four. Albany won two series, tied two and lost three. Providence lost every series, and Wilkesbarre lost all but the series with Providence.

RESERVE LIST.

The reserve list of the Eastern League for 1893-4, sent out by President Powers, was as follows:

By Albany.—William Egan, William Haurahan, D. Minahan, L. Whistler, G. Bauswein, W. Calihan, G. Wilson, Thomas Hesslin, William Hoover, Richard Knox, J. P. Visner, C. F. Payne.

By Binghamton.—D. J. Mahoney, John Barnett, C. M. Smith, C. J. Conley, E. H. Deady, F. Lang, D. Sweeney, J. H. Allen.

By Buffalo.—F. J. Boyd, W. Urquhart, W. L. Hoffer, James Kilroy, D. E. Stevens, J. C. Rowe, J. C. Drauby, James Collins, James Daily, T. C. Griffin, W. V. Wolf, M. H. Bradley, Leo Smith, William Schellerman.

By Erie.—J. Berger, George Nichol, William Clark, James Field, William Kuehne, D. Lally, J. Shearon, T. C. Nicholson, Al. Mays, James E. Peoples.

By Providence.—Jas. Cooney, R. H. Pettit, H. P. Lyons, Jas. F. Rogers, D. J. McKeough, Jas. Sullivan, Patrick Friel, C. E. Bassett, Wm. E. Hines, F. F. Rudderham.

By Springfield.—Wm. Bottenus, H. W. Lynch, J. E. Seery, F. Shannon, Bert Inks, Wm. Coughlin, T. G. Vickery, Thos. Leahy, P. Gilbert, M. M. Lehane, J. B. Ryan.

By Troy.—John Pickett, M. Cross, Marr Phillips, Jas. B. Donnelly, H. Simons, W. F. Johnson, T. J. Scheffler, T. H. Cahill, D. J. Murphy, Henry Gruber, J. B. Devlin, George Meakin, E. L. Breckenridge.

By Wilkesbarre.—J. Irwin, F. L. Lake, W. H. Campfield, Thos. Dowse, F. Bonner, M. J. McLaughlin, E. Sales, Judson Smith, Geo. W. Henry, Chas. Champau, R. Wheelock, John Ruckle, T. J. Shinnick, F. Betts, M. Polhemus.

Of these, Clark and Nichol, of Erie, were respectively drafted by the New York and Pittsburgh clubs of the National League, under the provisions of the National agreement. Gilbert, of the Springfields, was claimed by the Brooklyns; and Bonner, of Wilkesbarre, by the Baltimores.

CONSTITUTION OF THE EASTERN LEAGUE OF BASE BALL CLUBS.

1894.

NAME.

SEC. 1. This Association shall be called "The Eastern League of Base Ball Clubs."

OBJECTS.

SEC. 2. The objects of this League are:

1) To perpetuate base ball as the national game of the United States, and to surround it with such safeguards as to warrant absolute public confidence in its integrity and methods.

(2) To protect and promote the mutual interests of professional base ball clubs and professional base ball players, and

(3) To establish and regulate the base ball championship of the East.

MEMBERSHIP.

SEC. 3. This League shall consist of eight clubs, located in the following named cities, to wit: Binghamton, Buffalo, Erie, Springfield, Wilkesbarre, Syracuse, Troy and Providence, and such other clubs as may from time to time be elected to membership, as hereinafter provided for, but in no event shall there be more than one club in any city.

ORGANIZATION, ETC.

SEC. 4. Any club member of this League shall have the right to ask the League for permission to dispose of its

rights and franchises as a member of this League to some other city or organization. In the event of this League giving its consent to the acceptance of such city or organization to membership, such club member shall be admitted to membership, providing said club shall assume, together with the rights and franchises of said retiring club, all the liabilities, responsibilities and obligations entered into by said retiring club as a member of this League. Provided, however, and it must be so understood by the retiring and the new member, that the retiring club shall not be relieved or released from any contracts, responsibilities or obligations entered into by it to this League until all of said contracts, responsibilities and obligations have been fully paid and determined by the club accepting its membership, rights and franchises. On the disbandment, resignation or expulsion of any club, such club shall forfeit all right to, or interest in, any part of the funds or property of the League, but such club shall remain subject to all existing obligations.

SEC. 5. No club shall be admitted unless it shall first have delivered to the Secretary of the League a written application for membership, signed by its president and secretary, accompanied by documents showing that such club bears, in part, the name of the city in which it is located, and that it is regularly organized and officered. Such application shall at once be transmitted by the Secretary to the Board of Directors, who shall immediately investigate and report upon said application; said report to be communicated to the League through the Secretary.

SEC. 6. The voting upon an application for membership shall be by ballot; a two-thirds vote being requisite for election.

SEC. 7. In case a vacancy occurs in the membership of this organization during the championship season, the President shall nominate to all the clubs all appli-

cants for membership, and the vote thereon may be taken by telegraph or mail, as occasion may require, and a majority of all the clubs will be required to admit any applicant to membership. Such membership, however, shall continue only until the next annual meeting; but such club shall be subject to all the rules and requirements of this organization.

SEC. 8. The membership of any club may be terminated—

(1) By resignation duly accepted by a three-fourths vote of all the clubs in meeting duly convened, as provided in Sec. 4.

(2) Failure to present its nine at the time and place agreed upon to play any championship game, unless caused by unavoidable accident in traveling.

(3) Allowing open betting or pool selling upon its grounds or in any building owned or occupied by it.

(4) Playing any game of ball with a club that is disqualified or ineligible under this constitution.

(5) Offering, agreeing, conspiring or attempting to lose any game of ball, or failing to immediately expel from its team any player who shall be proven guilty of offering, agreeing, conspiring or attempting to lose any game of ball, or of being interested in any pool or wager thereon.

(6) Disbandment of its organization or team during the championship season.

(7) Failing or refusing to fulfil its contract obligations.

(8) Failing or refusing to comply with any lawful requirement of the Board of Directors.

(9) Wilfully violating any provision of this constitution, or the legislation or playing rules made in pursuance thereof.

(10) By a vote of two-thirds of the remaining clubs that for business reasons such membership shall no longer be desirable.

SEC. 9. To carry into effect the provisions of Sec. 8 (except those of subdivision 10 thereof) of this constitution, the facts in any case covered by such section must be reported to the Secretary of the League, who shall at once notify by mail or telegraph the party charged with the specified default or offence, inquiring whether any dispute exists as to the facts alleged. In case the facts are disputed, the Board shall, after due notice, try the case under such regulations as they may prescribe, and their finding shall be final and conclusive on all parties except in case of expulsion, when such finding shall be forwarded to each club, which shall transmit to the Secretary written ballots "For Expulsion" or "Against Expulsion"; and if two-thirds of all clubs vote "For Expulsion" the Secretary shall notify all clubs of the forfeiture of membership of the party charged. Said subdivision 10 may be carried into effect at any regular or called meeting of the League.

SEC. 10. (1) Each club shall pay to the Secretary, as annual dues, on or before the first day of January of each year, the sum of one hundred dollars. Also, all fines and penalties imposed by said League or its Board of Directors upon a club or upon any club officer, player, manager, scorer or other employee, when so levied and imposed by virtue of and in accordance with the provision of this constitution, and the playing rules of this League.

(2) Upon conviction of any of the offences prescribed in Sec. 8 as causes for expulsion, the Board of Directors may, in the first instance, as a preliminary to, or in lieu of expulsion, impose such a fine as is, in their judgment, commensurate with the injury, which fine may include a penalty payable to any other club or clubs, as an equivalent for damages sustained for such violation of this constitution, or of the legislation of contracts made in pursuance thereof.

SEC. 11. At its annual meeting the League shall elect a president, secretary and board of directors. The President shall be ex-officio chairman of the Board of Directors. Should the office of the president become vacant by death, resignation or removal, the Board of Directors shall, within one week, elect a president. Under no circumstances shall anyone be eligible to the presidency who is in any way financially interested in any club of this League.

SEC. 12. The Board of Directors shall consist of the President and four other members, to be chosen at the annual meeting by ballot, two of whom shall represent the Eastern clubs and two the Western clubs.

SEC. 13. No person shall be qualified to act as director who is not an actual member of the club he represents, nor shall any club, under any circumstances, be represented by more than one person on the Board.

SEC. 14. The Board shall have the general supervision and management of all affairs and business of the League, and shall be answerable to the League for the faithful discharge of their trust.

SEC. 15. The Board shall meet annually on the morning of the first Wednesday in December, at 12 o'clock, at New York, but may hold special meetings whenever urgent necessity may require.

SEC. 16. The Board shall prepare a detailed report of all their doings, and present the same in writing to the League at its annual meeting, which report shall, if accepted, be filed with the Secretary, together with all official papers, documents and property which may have come into their possession by virtue of their office.

SEC. 17. In case of vacancy in the Board by reason of the death, resignation, absence or disqualification of any director, the club of which he was a member at the time he was chosen shall designate his successor, and at

once notify the Secretary. But if such vacancy is caused by the withdrawal, disbanding or disqualification of a club represented on the Board, the Board may fill the vacancy by election in the same manner as provided for the Election of Directors in Sec. 12. The Committee of Finance shall consist of three members to be elected by and from among the Board of Directors, and shall have charge of such financial matters of the League as may be delegated to it by the Constitution or any resolution of the League.

SEC. 18. The Secretary shall be the treasurer of the League, and as such shall be the custodian of all funds of the League; receive all dues, fees and assessments; make such payments as shall be ordered by the Board, or by the vote of the League; and render annually a report of his accounts; and shall give such bond, with approved sureties, as the Board of Directors may require.

SEC. 19. The Secretary shall have the custody and care of the official records and papers of the League; shall keep a true record of all meetings of the League and the Board; shall issue all official notices, and attend to the necessary correspondence; he shall prepare and furnish such reports as may be called for by the Board, and shall be entitled to such books, stationery, blanks and materials as the actual duties of his office may require. He shall also prepare and present to the League for its adoption the schedules of all championship games to be played

SEC. 20. The Secretary shall keep a record of all infractions of the Rules and Regulations of the League that may come under his notice, and shall make a report of the same to the Board at its next meeting.

SEC. 21. The Secretary shall receive such salary as the Board, by vote, shall determine, and shall be reimbursed for all traveling expenses actually incurred by him in

the service of the League, and the Board may exact from him such guarantee for the faithful performance of his duties as they deem necessary for the interest and safety of the League. At the expiration of his term of office he shall account for and deliver up to the Board all the property and papers which may have come into his hands by virtue of his office.

DUES AND GUARANTEE FUND.

SEC. 22. (1) Each club must deposit with the Secretary, on or before May first in each year, the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250) as a guarantee fund, and any club failing to pay said sum by such time shall thereby forfeit its membership in the Association.

(2) The guarantee fund shall be kept intact as a guarantee against any violation of the provisions of this Constitution, or of the legislation or contracts made in pursuance thereof.

(3) At the close of the season each club that shall have finished the season in good standing, and fulfilled all of its obligations, shall receive back the amount deposited to its credit in the guarantee fund, less whatever fines may have been imposed and which may be unpaid. Any monies then in the treasury, by reason of forfeiture of guarantee fund, as provided for in this constitution, shall be divided equally amongst the club members which have fulfilled their obligations to the League. Any monies then in the treasury arising from fines as provided for in this constitution, shall be divided equally among the club members which have fulfilled their obligations, excepting that no club shall receive back any part of any fine which may have been imposed upon it, unless remitted by the Board.

CLUBS, MANAGERS AND PLAYERS.

SEC. 23. Each club belonging to this League shall have the right to regulate its own affairs, to establish its own rules, and to discipline, punish, suspend or expel its own

manager, players or other employees, and these powers shall not be limited to cases of dishonest play or open insubordination, but shall include all questions of carelessness, indifference, incompetency or other conduct of the player that may be regarded by the club as prejudicial to its interests; not in conflict with any provision of this Constitution, or the playing rules of this League.

SEC. 24. Every club of this League shall have exclusive control of the city in which it is located, and of the territory surrounding such city, to the extent of five miles in every direction from its corporate limits, and no visiting club shall, under any circumstances, except with the consent of the local club, be allowed to play any club in such territory other than the League club therein located.

SEC. 25. Contracts with players may be either by telegram or writing; to be followed within thirty days thereafter by a contract in the form approved by the League and promulgated by the Secretary, to all the clubs.

SEC. 26. On or before the tenth day of October of each year, the Secretary shall reserve all of the players then, or who were at the close of the preceding season, under contract to this League, and, in addition thereto, the names of such players reserved in any prior annual list who have refused to contract with said League. Such players, together with all others thereafter to be regularly contracted with, shall be ineligible to contract with any other club or league, except as hereinafter provided. No player shall be reserved whose salary is in arrears. The Secretary shall duly promulgate such lists.

SEC. 27. This League shall adopt such form of contract as it may deem best for the protection of the rights of the parties thereto. All contracts must be approved by the Secretary and duly promulgated by him.

SEC. 28. The salaries of the players of any club shall not at any time exceed an amount which shall be at the rate of \$1,500 per month. No player shall be paid a salary at the rate of more than \$150 per month. Nor shall any contract extend beyond the period between May 1 and September 15, unless the same shall be necessary to finish the championship season. No club manager or agent shall make any direct or indirect agreement or arrangement with any player for any compensation to such player, other than that stipulated in the contract entered into by the Secretary as provided in this constitution. For any violation of this Section or any of its provisions, all parties violating the same shall be liable to expulsion, or a fine of \$500, according to the finding of the Board of Directors.

SEC. 29. No player under contract with, or reservation by this Club, shall, without its consent, enter into negotiations with any club, or other league, for future services, but if such consent be obtained a player may negotiate for his release and offer a money consideration therefore which may be accepted by the Club, and any amount received on this account shall go into the reserve fund of the Club.

SEC. 30. The disbandment of a League club, or its withdrawal from or loss of League membership shall operate to transfer the players allotted to it to such other club as the League may designate.

SEC. 31. No manager or player who has been suspended or expelled from this League shall at any time thereafter be allowed to play with or serve in any capacity any League club, unless the term of suspension by the club has expired, or, upon his appeal to this League, such expulsion or suspension shall have been set aside.

SEC. 32. No game of base ball shall be played between a League club and any other club that has been expelled from membership in this League. No game of ball shall be played between a League club and any other club employing or presenting in its nine a player expelled or under suspension from the League, or otherwise rendered ineligible by this League. A violation of this section shall forfeit the game in favor of the non-offending club and subject it to such fine as the Board of Directors may impose.

SEC. 33. Any person who shall be proven guilty of offering, agreeing, conspiring or attempting to cause any game of ball to result otherwise than on its merits under the Players' Rules, or who while acting as umpire, shall violate any provision of the Constitution, or of the playing rules adopted hereunder, may be forever disqualified by the President of the League from acting as umpire, manager, player or in any other capacity in any game of ball participated in by a League club.

UMPIRES.

SEC. 34. A staff of League Umpires shall be selected by the Secretary before the opening of the regular season.

(1) They shall be paid such salaries and allowed such expenses as may be mutually agreed upon by contract between them and the Secretary of the League.

(2) They shall be under the sole control and direction of the Secretary from whom they will receive all assignments to duty, and all instructions regarding the interpretation of the playing rules, and the Secretary shall prescribe a proper uniform for them, all parts of which shall be worn while officiating as umpires.

(3) In the event of the failure of an umpire to umpire a game assigned to him, it shall be the duty of the Secretary to provide a substitute to umpire such game, and in such case there shall be deducted from the next monthly payment to the League Umpire the sum of ten dollars for each game assigned to him, which for any reason he shall have failed to umpire.

(4) It shall be the duty of each League club to accept as umpire for any championship game such League Umpire or substitute as the Secretary shall assign to such game, and only in the event of the failure of the League Umpire or substitute so assigned to appear at the hour appointed for the beginning of such game, shall the duty devolve upon the home club, to designate from the audience three persons, one of whom must be accepted as umpire for such game.

(5) Any League Umpire shall be subject to removal by the Secretary at any time, and in the event of the resignation, removal or expulsion of any League Umpire, the Secretary shall have power to appoint a suitable person to fill vacancy thus created.

(6) Any League Umpire who shall, in the judgment of the Secretary of the League, be guilty of ungentlemanly conduct, or of selling or offering to sell a game of which he is umpire, shall thereupon be removed from his official capacity and placed under the same disabilities inflicted upon expelled players by the Constitution of this League.

DISPUTES AND COMPLAINTS.

SEC. 35. The Board of Directors shall be the sole tribunal to determine disputes between clubs; the facts to be submitted, and the dispute adjudicated under such regulations as the Board shall prescribe in each case. The finding of the Board shall be final, and under no circumstance shall be reconsidered, reopened or inquired into either by the League or any subsequent Board.

SEC. 36. The Board shall at once consider any com-

plaint preferred by a club against a manager or player of another club (prior to the expiration of the championship season) for conduct in violation of any provision of this Constitution, or prejudicial to the good repute of the game of base ball; and shall have power to fine, suspend or expel such player or manager. Provided, that such complaint be preferred in writing, giving such particulars as may enable the Board to ascertain all the facts, and be transmitted to the Secretary, by whom it shall at once be referred to the Board.

SEC. 37. In case a player, allotted to a League club, shall, during a current season, prefer a complaint in writing to the Secretary of the League against such club, alleging that such club is in arrears to him for salary for more than fifteen days after such salary became due on account of such contract, the Secretary shall at once transmit to the said club a copy of such complaint, and require an answer thereto. On receipt of such answer, or if one week shall have elapsed without the receipt of an answer, the Secretary shall refer the paper in the case to the Board of Directors, through its chairman; and should the Board find its player's complaint sustained, they shall require the club, under penalty of forfeiture of its membership, to pay to the player forthwith the full amount ascertained to be due him, Provided, that should the player refuse to serve the club, pending action by the Board on his complaint, he will thereby forfeit the benefits of the award, and in such case the Board shall revoke his reward.

SEC. 38. The Board shall also be the sole tribunal for the hearing of an appeal made by any person who shall have been expelled, suspended or disciplined by his club. The matter shall be proceeded with in the following manner:—Such person shall, within thirty days after the date of the expulsion, suspension or discipline, file with the Secretary a written statement of his defense, accompanied by a request that an appeal be allowed him.

The Secretary shall notify the club of the request for an appeal, accompanying such notice with a copy of the appeal, and at the next annual meeting the club, by its duly authorized representative and the appellant in person, by attorney or by written statement, shall appear before the Board with their testimony. The Board shall impartially hear the matter and render their decision which shall be final and forever binding on both club and player.

SEC. 39. No director shall sit in the trial of a cause in which his club is interested.

SEC. 40. Any expense of trials or arbitrations shall be borne by the parties adjudged to be at fault.

SEC. 41. This League shall adopt such playing rules as ordered by the National Board.

CHAMPIONSHIP.

SEC. 42. The championship season shall extend from such date in May to such date in September as the League may determine.

SEC. 43. Every game played between two clubs from the commencement of the championship season to the completion of the championship series between such clubs, shall be a game for the championship, and no League club shall lend or exchange players to or with each other for any game played during the championship season.

SEC. 44. A tie or draw game, or a game prevented or stopped by rain, shall be played off on the same grounds on the first succeeding day for which no game is scheduled, within the dates of the same scheduled series, or on the first day of any succeeding series, for which no game is scheduled between such clubs.

SEC. 45. Each club shall have half of the championship series of games with every other club played on its grounds, and in all the details of such games that do

not involve the rights of the visiting club under the playing rules, but relate solely to such games as attractive exhibitions to the patrons of the home club, the visiting club shall defer to the wishes of the home club, and the visiting club shall furnish to a person designated by the home club, the batting order of its nine by 10 o'clock on the morning of the day of each game, or the evening previous if requested. In case of the failure of any visiting club to furnish the batting order of its nine as herein stipulated, it shall forfeit the sum of \$10, which amount shall immediately be transmitted to the Secretary of the League upon the receipt of notice from him of the infliction of such fine, which notice shall be given by the Secretary upon receipt of complaint from the home club. It shall be the duty of the home club to furnish the manager or captain of the visiting club with a list of the batting order before the commencement of the game, under similar penalties for default, as herein prescribed. The visiting club shall have the right to practice its nine on the grounds of the home club between 11 and 12 o'clock on each day of its visit during the championship season.

SEC. 46. All championship games shall be arranged in a written schedule prepared by the Secretary and reported to and adopted by the League by a three-fourths vote before the beginning of the championship season. The schedule shall provide for an equal number of return games, and specify the date of each game and the dates of each series of games. No date in said schedule shall subsequently be changed, except (1) by written agreement of two clubs from a date fixed by the schedule for a game between such clubs, to another day prior to the first and subsequent to the last date of the same schedule series between such clubs, or (2) by the written consent of three-fourths of all the League clubs.

SEC. 47. The price of admission to championship games shall be twenty-five cents for each adult male person. Clubs shall have the privilege at their own option of admitting boys under fifteen years of age for fifteen cents, except on holidays, twenty-five cents.

SEC. 48. At the conclusion of each championship game the home club shall pay to the authorized agent of such visiting club the sum of one hundred dollars, or forty per cent. of the total paid admissions, and all male persons admitted to the grounds to witness the game, Provided, further that on Decoration Day, Labor Day and the Fourth of July the entire general admission receipts of all games shall be divided as follows: Each club shall receive an equal half of the gross gate receipts.

SEC. 49. The number of persons admitted to the grounds shall be determined by the use of the necessary number of self-registering turnstiles; the arms of which shall extend to within three inches of a dividing partition; the keys of which shall be delivered to the agent of the visiting club before the opening of the grounds for each game; and said agent of the visiting club shall have full access to such turnstile, and the box of such turnstile shall not be removed until after the close of the seventh inning; and in case a carriage gate is used a ticket for each person admitted through such gate shall at once be delivered to the agent of the visiting club. No person shall be admitted to the grounds during or prior to such game of the hour appointed thereof, excepting only players of contesting clubs, policemen in uniform, and the necessary employees of the home club. The visiting club shall have the right to accept the turnstile count for each and all games, or to count all tickets. Each club shall use for its business a

substantial pasteboard ticket, which can be readily counted.

SEC. 50. No club shall be allowed to have more than two entrances to its grounds, except upon holidays; but for all such days the visiting club shall be given at least ten days' notice of the whole number and location of additional entrances; provided, however, emergency gates may be opened by consent of the visiting club, if occasion requires.

SEC. 51. On any day when a club is required to leave a city, in order to reach another city where it is scheduled to play its next game, the home club shall be compelled, upon proper notice to the visiting club, to begin the game three hours and a half before the time of the departure of the last train, by means of which either club can reach the next scheduled point in time. And either club may leave the field at any time within one hour of said train time, without forfeiting any rights or privileges, provided five innings have been played, and the umpire shall be the sole judge of the time.

SEC. 52. In the event of a game being stopped by rain before completion of three innings the home club may issue rain checks, good for any succeeding game. If rain checks are so issued, the visiting club shall not be entitled to its percentage of receipts or guaranty; but if rain checks are not issued, the visiting club shall be entitled to its guaranty or percentage of receipts, precisely as if the game had been fully played. If a visiting club has not been paid for a game stopped by rain, or some other cause, and such game shall be completed on a subsequent date, in company with a regularly scheduled game, the visiting club shall be entitled to receive a one and a one half guaranty, or a single percentage upon the receipts of that day. When a postponed or drawn game, which has not been previously partially played, is played on the same day with a regularly scheduled

game, the visiting club shall be entitled to a one and one-half guaranty, but only a single percentage.

SEC. 53. A club shall be entitled to forfeited games—to count in its series as games won by a score of nine runs to none—in case the umpire in any championship game shall award the game to such club on account of the violation by the contesting club of any section of this Constitution or of any playing rule; and in the event of said forfeiture being caused by the withdrawal of the players during the progress of the game, or by a failure to report with its team at the time fixed for the game, unless a written notice has been received from the home club that the game cannot be played, then such forfeiting club shall incur a penalty of one hundred dollars, which shall be payable to the Secretary of the League within ten days thereafter, for the use and benefit of the non-offending club.

SEC. 54. Drawn, tie and postponed games shall not count in the series as games (but any game of not less than five innings shall be included in the averages), but must be played off, if possible, as provided, in Sec. 46. If they cannot be played off, as therein provided, they may subsequently be played off, if sufficient time exists before the close of the season.

SEC. 55. The club which shall have won the greatest percentage of games in the championship series shall be declared the champion club of the East for the season in which such games were played. In the event that two or more clubs shall have won the same percentage of games, then the Board shall at once arrange a special series of three games between or among such clubs, such games to be played in the month of September, and the games so played shall be included in the championship record and counted in determining the award of the championship. In such case only the provisions of

this Constitution prohibiting the playing or recording as championship games, games played after the expiration of the championship season, shall have no effect. The emblem of the championship shall be a pennant (of the National colors) to cost not less than fifty (\$50). It shall be inscribed with the motto, "Champion of the East," with the name of the club and the year in which the title was won, and the championship club shall be entitled to fly the pennant until the close of the ensuing year.

SEC. 56. The championship shall be decided in the following manner:—

Within twenty-four hours after every match game played for the championship, the home club shall prepare and forward to the Secretary of the League, a statement containing the full score of the game, according to the system specified in the playing rules; the date, where played, the names of the clubs and umpire; provided that no tie or drawn game shall be considered a game for any purpose except the averages; and provided, further, that in any case where the Secretary shall not receive the score of a championship game within five days after the playing of such game, the club whose duty it is to forward such score shall pay to the League the sum of ten dollars (\$10), as the penalty of such default.

At the close of the season the Secretary shall prepare a tabular statement of the games won and lost by such club, according to the statement so sent him—which statements shall be the sole evidence in the matter—and submit the same, with the statement so sent him, to the Board, who shall make the award in writing and report the same to the League at its annual meeting. In making the award the Board shall consider:—

- (1) The tabular statement of the Secretary.
- (2) Forfeited games.
- (3) Games participated in by clubs which have with-

drawn, disbanded or forfeited their membership without completing their championship series with all other League clubs. Such games shall be counted to the following extent:—The Board shall ascertain the least number of championship games played by such club with any club remaining in the League, and shall, from the first game participated in during the championship series by such retired club, count in the series of each League club a similar number of games; and all other games participated in by such retired club shall not be counted in the championship series. Provided, that if such retired club shall have failed to play at least one championship game with every League club, all games participated in by it shall be thrown out entirely.

ANNUAL MEETING.

SEC. 57. The annual meeting of the League shall be held on the first Wednesday in December of each year, at 12 o'clock noon at New York.

SEC. 58. At such meetings each club shall be represented, and shall be entitled to two representatives, and to have in addition thereto any of its officers or ex-officers present at such meeting, but no club shall be permitted to send as a representative any person under contract or engagement as a ball player, and belonging to the team of said club in such capacity. They shall present a certificate from the President or Secretary of their club showing their authority to act, but no club shall have more than one vote.

SEC. 59. This League may, upon a majority vote of its members, elect to go into executive session for the transaction of its business.

SEC. 60. Special meetings may be called by the President of this League at New York on his own option, or on the written call of four clubs.

SEC. 61. A representation of a majority of clubs shall

constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, but a less number may adjourn from time to time until a quorum is obtained.

SEC. 62. The following shall be the order of business, unless suspended by a three-fourths vote of the club members:

1. Reading Minutes of last Meeting.
2. Report of Board of Directors.
3. Report of Committees.
4. Election of New Members.
5. Amendments of Constitution.
6. Amendments of Playing Rules.
7. Election of Officers.
8. Miscellaneous Business.
9. Adjournment.

AMENDMENTS.

SEC. 63. (1) The Constitution of this League may be altered or amended by a three-fourths vote of the League at any meeting. Provided, however, that this section, and sections 8, 22, 49 and 50 shall not be altered or amended, except by a unanimous vote of this League.

(2) Any section of this Constitution may be suspended, or its provisions made non-applicable, by unanimous vote at a League meeting.

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OFFICIAL AVERAGES, 1893,

OF THE

EASTERN LEAGUE OF BASE BALL CLUBS.

	<i>Won.</i>	<i>Lost.</i>	<i>Per ct.</i>		<i>Won.</i>	<i>Lost.</i>	<i>Per ct.</i>
Erie.....	63	41	.606	Binghamton..	48	59	.466
Springfield. ..	61	43	.587	Albany.....	53	61	.465
Troy.....	66	49	.574	Providence...	44	69	.389
Buffalo.	61	53	.535	Wilkesbarre..	40	65	.381

CHAMPIONSHIP RECORD.

	PLAYED AT								Won.	Per cent.
	Albany.	Binghamton.	Buffalo.	Erie.	Providence.	Springfield.	Troy.	Wilkesbarre.		
Albany.....	—	6	9	5	10	5	11	7	53	.465
Binghamton.	6	—	6	4	9	6	5	12	48	.466
Buffalo	9	10	—	8	11	7	7	9	61	.535
Erie.....	10	8	8	—	11	6	8	12	63	.606
Providence.....	7	8	5	4	—	6	7	7	44	.389
Springfield.....	11	9	7	8	11	—	7	8	61	.537
Troy.....	13	9	10	8	8	8	—	10	66	.574
Wilkesbarre.....	5	5	8	4	9	5	4	—	40	.381
Lost.....	61	55	53	41	69	43	49	65	436	

EASTERN LEAGUE AVERAGES.

OFFICIAL FIGURES FOR INDIVIDUAL AND CLUB BATTING AND
FIELDING FOR 1893.

Below will be found the official batting and fielding average of the Eastern League clubs and players for the season of 1893 as furnished by President P. T. Powers:

INDIVIDUAL BATTING AVERAGES.

Rank.	NAME.	CLUB.	Games.	At Bat.	Runs.	1st Base.	S. H.	E. B.	Per cent.
1	Drauby	Buffalo.....	105	44	114	157	16	10	.379
2	Gilbert.....	Springfield	99	415	121	157	24	42	.378
3	Knight	Binghamton.....	95	442	107	166	13	28	.375
4	Bonner.....	Wilkesbarre.....	91	402	93	148	16	22	.368
5	Shea.....	Binghamton.....	65	280	62	103	7	10	.367
6	Lachance.....	Wilkesbarre.....	72	319	77	114	4	20	.357
7	Bottemes.....	Springfield.....	103	415	141	145	21	31	.349
8	{ Rowe.....	Buffalo.....	110	461	113	161	41	18	.349
	{ Stearns.....	Buffalo.....	113	458	114	160	29	13	.349
8	{ Wolf.....	Buffalo.....	113	462	95	161	21	18	.348
	{ Griffin.....	Buffalo.....	82	324	78	113	8	11	.348
	{ Lyons.....	Providence	50	210	44	73	5	27	.347
9	{ Peeples.....	Erie.....	21	69	17	24	1	5	.347
	{ Inks.....	Binghamton, Springfield.....	41	138	28	48	5	5	.347
	{ Polhemus.....	Wilkesbarre.....	17	72	21	25	3	7	.347
10	Lully.....	Erie.....	82	338	80	117	10	12	.346
11	Knowles.....	Albany.....	28	113	25	39	9	4	.345
12	Simon.....	Troy.....	114	472	106	162	37	39	.343
	{ Lynch.....	Springfield.....	95	397	116	136	34	60	.342
13	{ Schellerman.....	Buffalo.....	10	35	10	12	1	2	.342
	{ Carey.....	Binghamton.....	17	70	12	24	1	2	.342
14	G. Smith.....	Binghamton.....	98	398	117	135	16	39	.339
15	Bradley.....	Springfield.....	28	124	25	42	6	5	.338
16	{ Friel.....	Providence.....	109	457	104	155	16	47	.336
	{ Phillips.....	Troy.....	76	312	51	95	22	18	.336
17	Wood.....	Wilkesbarre.....	38	167	34	56	6	4	.335
18	Shearon.....	Erie.....	104	425	95	142	16	43	.334
	{ Whistler.....	Albany.....	38	153	41	51	7	6	.333
19	{ Daily.....	Buffalo.....	111	480	127	160	15	18	.333
	{ Donnelly.....	Troy.....	101	395	86	132	33	38	.333
	{ Egan.....	Albany.....	115	457	140	152	19	75	.332
20	{ Ryan.....	Springfield.....	96	362	79	119	15	7	.328
	{ Stalz.....	Wilkesbarre.....	63	250	51	82	11	24	.328
21	E. Daley.....	Buffalo.....	27	110	28	36	6	5	.327
22	Visner.....	Albany.....	109	458	109	149	40	26	.326
23	Dooley.....	Troy.....	20	71	14	23	3	1	.325
24	Lehane.....	Springfield.....	103	444	87	144	26	10	.324
25	{ Dowse.....	Buffalo, Wilkesbarre.....	62	235	42	76	8	13	.323
	{ Wilson.....	Albany.....	66	263	54	85	8	6	.323
26	Campion.....	Providence.....	49	177	45	57	7	32	.322
27	Deady.....	Providence, Binghamton.....	61	271	61	87	5	30	.321
28	Rogers.....	Providence.....	58	247	42	79	3	19	.319
29	{ Barnett.....	Binghamton.....	40	131	29	43	8	3	.318
	{ Scheffler.....	Troy.....	113	458	138	146	19	44	.318

INDIVIDUAL BATTING AVERAGES.—*Continued.*

Rank.	NAME.	CLUB.	Games.	At Bat.	Runs.	1st Base.	S. H.	S. B.	Per cent.
30	Slattery	Wilkesb'e, Provid'e, Binghamton	90	371	91	117	14	25	.317
31	Coughlin	Springfield	30	120	18	38	4	4	.316
32	Swartwood	Providence	39	140	40	44	11	18	.314
33	{ Sales	Wilkesbarre	102	411	79	129	14	23	.313
	{ Schiebeck	Erie	101	418	120	131	11	39	.313
34	{ Johnson	Troy	113	448	96	140	19	14	.312
	{ Boyd	Buffalo	39	144	31	45	4	7	.312
35	{ Campfield	Binghamton, Wilkesbarre	33	129	24	40	5	5	.310
	{ Seery	Springfield	103	415	134	129	30	39	.310
36	Weckbecker	Albany	11	42	2	13	..	..	.309
37	Pickett	Troy	100	418	93	129	21	22	.308
38	{ Breckenridge	Troy, Wilkesbarre	105	375	95	115	12	14	.306
	{ Hanrahan	Albany	111	453	96	139	25	16	.306
39	{ Miller	Troy, Springfield	21	63	11	19	4	2	.306
	{ Nicholson	Erie	104	399	93	122	15	70	.305
40	{ Morelock	Albany, Troy, Buffalo	20	69	14	21	5	8	.304
	{ Hess	Albany	95	368	65	111	15	6	.301
41	{ Lake	Wilkesbarre	97	375	90	103	18	27	.301
	{ Willis	Albany	31	136	29	41	8	3	.301
42	Urquhart	Buffalo	70	264	51	80	12	9	.299
43	Leahy	Springfield	34	134	29	40	7	24	.298
44	Minnehan	Albany	87	359	75	106	18	4	.295
45	{ Kennedy	Albany	21	85	13	25	2	3	.294
	{ Keeler	Binghamton	15	68	9	20	5	3	.294
46	Gruber	Troy	50	150	29	44	13	0	.293
47	Knox	Albany	99	367	89	107	9	24	.291
48	Campau	Wilkesbarre	18	84	15	24	6	..	.290
49	Irwin	Wilkesbarre	62	253	48	73	14	9	.288
50	{ Burns	Springfield	68	268	60	77	12	6	.287
	{ Payne	Albany	64	247	35	71	12	1	.287
51	{ Collins	Buffalo	76	297	49	85	17	10	.286
	{ Kuehne	Erie	90	370	59	106	17	11	.286
52	{ Stockdale	Wilkesbarre	15	49	9	14	2	5	.286
	{ Wheelock	Wilkesbarre	25	105	16	30	8	9	.285
53	Bassett	Providence	96	380	73	108	20	27	.284
54	Stanhope	Binghamton	35	159	30	45	6	8	.283
55	Van Dyke	Erie	98	396	94	110	16	40	.278
56	Goodall	Wilkesbarre	38	119	16	33	8	4	.277
57	Cahill	Troy	98	419	78	116	29	29	.276
58	{ Pettit	Providence	103	421	85	116	21	43	.275
	{ Fields	Erie	104	395	77	108	30	13	.273
59	{ Shannon	Springfield	103	421	126	115	30	48	.273
	{ Hornung	Providence	53	216	55	59	12	19	.273
60	Mays	Erie	43	148	28	40	6	4	.270
61	Briggs	Binghamton	73	289	62	78	15	4	.269
62	Maguire	Erie	11	41	10	11	2	3	.268
63	{ Jud Smith	Binghamton, Wilkesbarre	18	75	17	20	1	6	.266
	{ Kappel	Albany	10	38	13	10	0	3	.266
64	{ G. Henry	Wilkesbarre	74	298	51	79	7	35	.265
	{ Lang	Binghamton	93	339	100	90	10	35	.265
65	Berger	Erie	78	288	49	75	12	11	.260
66	{ Whalen	Providence	14	55	7	14	3	6	.254
	{ Ruckel	Binghamton, Wilkesbarre	16	59	6	15	2	3	.254

INDIVIDUAL BATTING AVERAGES.—*Continued.*

Rank.	NAME	CLUB.	Games.	At Bat.	Runs.	1st Base.	S. H.	S. B.	Per cent.
67	Devlin.....	Troy.....	41	138	13	35	0	13	.253
68	{ Bausewine....	Albany.....	30	107	16	27	3	2	.252
	{ Clark.....	Erie.....	50	170	26	43	7	5	.252
69	McLaughlin....	Wilkesbarre....	46	164	27	41	6	5	.250
70	Shinnick.....	Wilkesbarre....	63	241	46	60	15	20	.249
71	D. Sullivan.....	Providence.....	17	45	4	11	4	2	.244
72	Messitt.....	Albany.....	25	78	19	19	4	13	.243
73	{ Hoover.....	Albany.....	23	91	11	22	3	1	.241
	{ McKeough....	Providence.....	107	360	55	87	18	23	.241
74	Heine.....	Bingh't'n, Buffalo, Providence	96	354	62	85	31	41	.240
75	Cooney.....	Providence.....	86	355	57	84	33	36	.236
76	Fricken.....	Wilkesbarre, Troy, Albany....	27	85	8	20	5	4	.235
77	Callihan.....	Albany.....	48	158	25	37	10	7	.234
78	Barr.....	Buffalo, Providence.....	35	121	18	28	4	0	.231
79	Zinran.....	Erie.....	20	70	8	16	2	1	.228
80	Sweeney.....	Binghamton.....	57	149	22	55	5	1	.220
81	Fisher.....	Buffalo.....	37	132	18	29	8	1	.219
82	Sigsby.....	Troy.....	11	33	6	7	0	3	.212
83	Nicol.....	Erie.....	25	85	9	18	4	4	.211
84	Madden.....	Providence.....	25	69	14	14	4	5	.202
85	Murphy.....	Troy.....	64	221	24	44	10	8	.199
86	Conley.....	Binghamton.....	91	350	59	67	16	8	.191
87	Fournier.....	Albany, Buffalo, Troy.....	23	87	11	16	2	0	.184
88	Cross.....	Buffalo, Troy.....	38	127	25	23	7	24	.181
89	Rudderham.....	Providence.....	26	78	10	14	3	3	.179
90	J. Sullivan.....	Providence.....	59	195	22	34	8	7	.174
91	Fitzgerald.....	Wilkesbarre, Providence....	18	53	11	9	3	4	.169

FIRST BASE AVERAGES.

Rank.	NAME.	CLUB.	Games.	Put Outs.	Assists.	Errors.	Per cent.
1	Kennedy.....	Albany.....	21	198	2	3	.985
2	Hess.....	Albany.....	16	169	4	3	.983
3	{ Conly.....	Binghamton.....	91	976	18	18	.982
	{ Wilson.....	Albany.....	16	166	1	3	.982
5	{ Irwin.....	Wilkesbarre....	61	695	44	16	.979
	{ Rogers.....	Providence.....	58	569	17	12	.979
7	Breckenridge....	Troy, Wilkesbarre....	105	1055	39	24	.978
8	Whistler.....	Albany.....	38	396	17	11	.976
9	Dooley.....	Troy.....	20	191	6	5	.975
10	{ Campion.....	Providence.....	49	526	24	15	.973
	{ Fields.....	Erie.....	104	1093	67	31	.973
12	Stearns.....	Buffalo.....	111	1077	42	36	.968
13	Lehane.....	Springfield.....	103	935	35	33	.966

SECOND BASE AVERAGES.

Rank.	NAME.	CLUB.	Games.	Put Outs.	Assists.	Errors.	Per cent.
1	Nicholson.....	Erie.....	104	297	342	36	.946
2	Pickett.....	Troy.....	100	305	268	36	.940
3	Eagan.....	Albany.....	115	327	328	45	.935
4	Burns.....	Springfield.....	68	194	179	27	.932
5	Wheelock.....	Wilkesbarre.....	26	72	75	11	.929
6	Rowe.....	Buffalo.....	110	318	315	44	.920
7	Pettit.....	Providence.....	103	238	279	46	.918
8	Smith.....	Binghamton.....	98	211	287	52	.905
9	Shinnick.....	Wilkesbarre.....	63	201	186	44	.898
10	Bradley.....	Springfield.....	28	40	66	14	.883
11	Staltz.....	Wilkesbarre.....	11	18	31	7	.875

THIRD BASE AVERAGES.

1	Briggs.....	Binghamton.....	13	30	23	5	.913
2	Shea.....	Binghamton.....	65	87	154	29	.892
3	Bassett.....	Providence.....	96	158	248	48	.890
4	Minnehan.....	Albany.....	80	119	168	39	.880
5	{ Donnelly.....	Troy.....	101	166	265	63	.870
	{ Kappel.....	Albany.....	10	39	15	8	.870
7	Sales.....	Wilkesbarre.....	102	124	267	59	.869
8	Knehne.....	Erie.....	90	92	205	47	.863
9	Drauby.....	Buffalo.....	101	152	228	62	.859
10	Keeler.....	Binghamton.....	15	29	38	11	.853
11	Gilbert.....	Springfield.....	99	141	245	69	.848
12	Maguire.....	Erie.....	11	16	32	9	.842
13	Knowles.....	Albany.....	26	34	55	20	.816

SHORT STOP AVERAGES.

1	Coony.....	Providence.....	86	150	300	43	.912
2	Cross.....	Troy and Buffalo.....	38	97	130	24	.896
3	Lang.....	Binghamton.....	93	204	355	68	.891
4	Bonner.....	Wilkesbarre.....	91	227	302	75	.875
5	Heine.....	Providence.....	17	28	54	13	.863
6	Shannon.....	Springfield.....	103	191	326	84	.860
7	Scheibeck.....	Erie.....	101	217	389	99	.859
8	Collins.....	Buffalo.....	71	131	249	65	.853
9	Hanrahan.....	Albany.....	111	184	386	99	.852
10	Phillips.....	Troy.....	76	136	155	57	.836
11	E. Daley.....	Buffalo.....	27	33	74	25	.810

FIELDERS' AVERAGES.

1	Dowse.....	Wilkesbarre and Buffalo.....	21	35	4	0	1.000
2	Campau.....	Wilkesbarre.....	18	45	4	2	.960
3	Wolfe.....	Buffalo.....	110	196	24	12	.948
4	Messitt.....	Albany.....	20	45	3	3	.941
5	Simon.....	Troy.....	114	284	18	19	.940
6	Knox.....	Albany.....	97	205	43	19	.928
7	{ Van Dyke.....	Erie.....	98	167	20	15	.925
	{ Hess.....	Albany.....	13	33	4	3	.925
8	Visner.....	Albany.....	109	229	29	21	.924
9	Griffin.....	Buffalo.....	81	197	7	17	.923

FIELDING AVERAGES.—*Continued.*

Rank.	NAME.	CLUB.	Games.	Put Outs.	Assists.	Errors.	Per cent.
10	Lynch	Springfield	83	175	30	19	.915
11	Friel	Providence	100	215	15	22	.912
12	Knight	Binghamton	95	175	16	19	.909
13	{ Scheffler	Troy	111	162	35	20	.907
	{ Bottenus	Springfield	103	236	19	26	.907
15	Willis	Albany	30	57	1	6	.906
16	Daily	Buffalo	111	250	20	28	.905
17	Urquhart	Buffalo	12	18	1	2	.904
18	Heine	Providence, B'gh't'n & Buffalo	59	97	15	12	.903
19	Henry	Wilkesbarre	74	142	16	18	.897
20	{ Lachance	Wilkesbarre	46	95	9	12	.896
	{ Leahy	Springfield	16	26	0	3	.896
22	Wood	Wilkesbarre	38	48	3	6	.894
23	Lally	Erie	82	172	11	22	.892
24	{ Slattery	Wilkesbarre and Binghamton	90	149	5	19	.890
	{ Hornung	Providence	50	108	14	15	.890
26	Shearon	Erie	104	159	17	22	.888
27	Seery	Springfield	103	226	24	33	.883
28	Hoover	Albany	23	37	0	5	.880
29	Lyons	Providence	50	141	12	21	.879
30	Johnson	Troy	113	248	25	27	.876
31	Swartwood	Providence	39	74	9	13	.864
32	Staltz	Wilkesbarre	53	116	7	20	.862
33	Polhemus	Wilkesbarre	17	23	1	4	.857
34	Lake	Wilkesbarre	15	21	3	5	.810
35	Deady	Providence and Wilkesbarre	64	89	11	22	.805
36	Stanhope	Binghamton	35	40	14	16	.771

CATCHERS' AVERAGES.

Rank.	NAME.	CLUB.	Games.	Put Outs.	Assists.	Errors.	P. B.	Per cent.
1	Wilson	Albany	50	197	40	6	11	.975
2	Cahill	Troy	93	275	144	14	15	.965
3	Hess	Albany	63	225	35	11	14	.959
4	Ryan	Springfield	91	401	104	27	19	.956
5	McKeough	Providence	101	487	101	23	21	.955
6	{ Lake	Wilkesbarre	78	317	78	22	19	.947
	{ Peeples	Erie	21	102	25	7	4	.947
8	Urquhart	Buffalo	47	202	61	15	15	.946
9	{ Sweeney	Binghamton	50	180	48	14	13	.942
	{ Briggs	Binghamton	51	206	57	16	19	.942
11	Berger	Erie	73	263	54	21	19	.938
12	Boyd	Buffalo	39	139	40	13	7	.932
13	Leahy	Springfield	18	64	3	5	6	.922
14	Lachance	Wilkesbarre	18	89	19	10	6	.915
15	Murphy	Troy	35	110	27	13	3	.913
16	Dowse	Wilkesbarre and Buffalo	39	159	42	21	9	.906
17	Zinran	Erie	13	31	13	6	2	.880

(The pitchers' tables are incomplete, as there is no record showing the victories and defeats pitched in by each pitcher.)

PITCHERS' FIELDING AVERAGES.

Rank.	NAME.	CLUB.	Games.	Put Outs.	Assists.	Errors.	Per cent.
1	Coughlin.....	Springfield.....	30	12	49	1	.983
2	Duryea.....	Binghamton.....	14	0	47	1	.979
3	Nicol.....	Erie.....	25	15	54	3	.958
4	Barnett.....	Binghamton.....	39	7	100	7	.938
5	Sigsbee.....	Troy.....	11	3	12	1	.937
6	Calihan.....	Albany.....	47	36	108	11	.929
7	Miller.....	Springfield and Troy.....	21	7	45	4	.928
8	Gruber.....	Troy.....	45	10	92	8	.927
9	J. Sullivan.....	Providence.....	47	10	104	9	.926
10	Payne.....	Albany.....	49	30	82	9	.925
11	Carey.....	Binghamton.....	17	7	38	4	.918
12	Mays.....	Erie.....	16	8	36	4	.916
13	{ Barr.....	Buffalo and Providence.....	35	9	67	8	.912
	{ Fisher.....	Buffalo.....	37	14	59	7	.912
15	{ Goodall.....	Wilkesbarre.....	29	10	30	4	.909
	{ Bausewein.....	Albany.....	26	9	41	5	.909
17	McLaughlin.....	Wilkesbarre.....	46	8	86	10	.903
18	Clark.....	Erie.....	47	37	83	13	.902
19	Devlin.....	Troy.....	41	13	79	10	.901
20	Inks.....	Springfield and Binghamton.....	41	6	47	6	.898
21	Rudderham.....	Providence.....	25	3	50	6	.896
22	Fricken.....	Troy, Albany and Wilkesbarre.....	26	6	28	4	.894
23	Campfield.....	Binghamton and Wilkesbarre.....	33	18	49	8	.893
24	Fitzgerald.....	Wilkesbarre and Providence.....	18	10	23	4	.891
25	Fournier.....	Buffalo, Albany and Binghamton.....	23	14	43	7	.890
26	D. Sullivan.....	Providence.....	15	4	20	3	.888
27	Ruckel.....	Binghamton and Wilkesbarre.....	15	2	34	5	.878
28	Madden.....	Providence.....	24	13	31	7	.862
29	Stocksdale.....	Wilkesbarre.....	15	15	22	6	.860

NOTE.—The preceding is the pitcher's fielding averages, but it was impossible to make a table showing the pitchers' effectiveness, as the score sheets were not properly made out in games where two or more pitchers played, there being no record of times at bat, earned runs, and base hits made off each pitcher.

CLUB BATTING AVERAGES.

Rank.	CLUB.	Games.	At Bat.	Runs.	1st Base.	Per cent.
1	Buffalo.....	114	4082	930	1326	.324
2	Springfield.....	103	3810	989	1185	.311
3	Wilkesbarre.....	104	3774	763	1155	.306
4	Albany.....	117	4123	891	1246	.301
5	Binghamton.....	101	3853	840	1157	.300
6	Troy.....	117	4055	846	1214	.299
7	Erie.....	104	3768	789	1078	.286
8	Providence.....	112	3925	647	1087	.276

CLUB FIELDING AVERAGES.

Rank.	CLUB.	Games.	Put Outs.	Assists.	Errors.	Per cent.
1	Troy.....	117	2962	1364	340	.927
2	{ Providence.....	112	2949	1391	363	.923
	{ Albany	117	3015	1352	372	.923
4	Erie.....	104	2731	1414	350	.922
5	Binghamton	101	2664	1288	355	.917
6	Wilkesbarre.....	104	2656	1360	367	.916
7	Springfield.....	103	2702	1242	365	.915
8	Buffalo.....	114	3007	1451	415	.914

THE SCHEDULE MEETING

OF THE

EASTERN LEAGUE

was held February 20th and 21st at the Fifth Avenue Hotel, New York City. Clubs were represented as follows: Albany, L. T. Fassett; Binghamton, A. S. Patton and Herman Doscher; Buffalo, James Franklin and John C. Chapman; Erie, John Depinet and C. H. Morton; Providence, E. A. Johnson and Oscar Stahl; Springfield, Charles A. Shean, George B. Rathbun and Thomas E. Burns; Troy, James D. Maloney and C. H. Van Arnum; Wilksbarre, E. F. Bogert, L. W. Long, C. W. Tammany and Daniel Shannon; Syracuse, George N. Kuntzsch.

In addition to L. T. Fassett, Albany was represented by a syndicate composed of M. H. Murray, William S. Arnold, and J. H. Haas, who stood ready to take the club off the former's hands. The League's Circuit Committee, consisting of Franklin, Bogert, Burns, and Powers, stated in their report that they had investigated the affairs of both Albany and Syracuse, and had invited both clubs to send delegates to the meeting.

After both applicants had made known their claims Syracuse was admitted in Albany's stead, by a vote of 6 to 2.

The power of the umpire to fine a player was limited to \$5 for each offense up to the third, when the player at fault can be removed from the game.

An equal division of gate receipts was agreed upon for all National holiday games.

The penalty attached to a club whose team leaves the field before a game is ended in the regular way was reduced from \$1,000 to \$100, with the additional loss of the guarantee when the visiting club is the offender—the fine going to the club not at fault. The adoption of a schedule followed. The schedule will be found on another page herein.

* The Spalding Ball was unanimously adopted as the official ball to be used in all Eastern League games.

EASTERN LEAGUE SCHEDULE.

CLUBS.	At Buffalo.	At Erie.	At Binghamton.	At Wilkesbarre.	At Syracuse.	At Troy.	At Springfield.	At Providence.
Buffalo . .	.....	June 1, 2, 4 July 4, 4, 5 Sept. 1, 1.	May 4, 5, 6, 7 Aug. 9, 10, 11 Sept. 7, 8	May 1, 2, 3 August 6, 7, 8 Sept. 5, 6	June 5, 6, 7 July 24, 25, 26 August 27, 28	June 8, 9, 11 July 20, 21, 23 August 29, 30	June 12, 13, 14 July 12, 13, 14 August 22, 23	June 15, 16, 18 July 16, 17, 18 August 24, 25
Erie.	May 30, 30, 31 July 7, 9, 10 Sept. 3, 3	.....	May 1, 2, 3 August 6, 7, 8 Sept. 5, 6	May 4, 5, 7 Aug. 9, 10, 11 Sept. 7, 8	June 8, 9, 11 July 20, 21, 23 August 27, 28	June 5, 6, 7 July 24, 25, 26 August 27, 28	June 13, 16, 18 July 16, 17, 18 August 22, 23	June 12, 13, 14 July 12, 13, 14 August 22, 23
Bing hamton.	May 11, 12, 14 July 28, 30, 31 Sept. 10, 12	May 8 9, 10 August 2, 3, 4 Sept. 13, 15	.....	June 1, 2, 4 July 4, 4, 5 Sept. 1, 1	June 15, 16, 18 July 12, 13, 14 August 22, 23	June 12, 13, 14 July 16, 17, 18 August 24, 25	June 5, 6, 7 July 24, 25, 26 August 27, 30	June 8, 9, 11 July 20, 21, 23 August 27, 28
Wilkes barre.	May 8, 9, 10 August 2, 3, 4 Sept. 13, 15	May 11, 12, 14 July 28, 30, 31 Sept. 10, 12	May 30, 30, 31 July 7, 9, 10 Sept. 3, 3	.....	June 12, 13, 14 July 16, 17, 18 August 24, 25	June 15, 16, 18 July 12, 13, 14 August 22, 23	June 8, 9, 11 July 20, 21, 23 August 27, 28	June 5, 6, 7 July 24, 25, 26 August 29, 30
Syracuse.	May 15, 16, 17 J'ne 29, 30, J'y 2 August 15, 16	May 18, 19, 21 June 26, 27, 28 August 13, 14	May 22, 23, 25 June 22, 23, 25 August 20, 21	May 25, 26, 28 June 19, 20, 21 August 17, 18	.....	May 30, 30, 31 July 7, 9, 10 Aug. 31, Sep. 1	May 4, 5, 7 July 28, 30, 31 Sept. 5, 6	May 1, 2, 3 August 2, 3, 4 Sept. 7, 8
Troy.....	May 18, 19, 21 June 20, 27, 28 August 13, 14	May 15, 16, 17 J'ne 29, 30, J'y 2 August 15, 16	May 26, 27, 28 June 19, 20, 21 August 17, 18	May 22, 23, 24 June 22, 23, 25 August 20, 21	June 1, 2, 4 July 4, 4, 5 Sept. 3, 3	.....	May 1, 2, 3 August 2, 3, 4 Sept. 7, 8	May 4, 5, 7 July 28, 30, 31 Sept. 5, 6
Spring field.	May 22, 23, 24 June 22, 23, 25 August 20, 21	May 25, 26, 28 June 19, 20, 21 August 17, 18	May 15, 16, 17 J'ne 29, 30, J'y 2 August 13, 14	May 18, 19, 21 June 26, 27, 28 August 15, 16	May 8, 9, 10 August 6, 7, 8 Sept. 13, 15	May 11, 12, 14 Aug. 9, 10, 11 Sept. 10, 12	.....	June 1, 2, 4 July 4, 4 Sept. 3, 3
Provl dence.	May 25, 26, 28 June 19 20, 21 August 17, 18	May 22, 23, 24 June 22, 23, 25 August 20, 21	May 18, 19, 21 June 26, 27, 28 August 15, 16	May 15, 16, 17 J'ne 29, 30, J'y 2 August 13, 14	May 11, 12, 14 Aug. 9, 10, 11 Sept. 13, 15	May 8, 9, 10 August 6, 7, 8 Sept. 13, 15	May 30, 30, 31 July 7, 9, 10 Aug. 31, Sep. 1	.....

THE PLAYING RULES

OF

Professional · Base · Ball · Clubs

AS ADOPTED BY THE NATIONAL LEAGUE AND AMERICAN
ASSOCIATION OF PROFESSIONAL BASE BALL CLUBS.

THE BALL GROUND.

RULE 1. The Ground must be an inclosed field, sufficient in size to enable each player to play in his position as required by these Rules.

RULE 2. To lay off the lines governing the positions and play off the Game known as *Base Ball*, proceed as follows:

From a point A, within the grounds project a right line out into the field, and at a point B, 154 feet from point A, lay off lines B C and B D at right angles to the line A B; then with B as centre and 63.63945 feet as radius, describe arcs cutting the lines B A at F and B C at G; B D at H; and B E at I. Draw lines F G, G E, E H and H F, and said lines will be the containing lines of the Diamond or Infield.

THE CATCHER'S LINES.

RULE 3. With F as centre and 90 feet radius, an arc cutting line F A at L, and draw lines L M and L O at right angles to F A; and continue same out from F A not less than 90 feet.

THE FOUL LINE.

RULE 4. From the intersection point F continue the straight lines F G and F H until they intersect with the lines L M and L I, and then from the points G and H in the opposite direction until they reach the boundary lines of the grounds.

THE PLAYER'S LINES.

RULE 5. With F as centre and 50 feet radius, describe arcs cutting lines F O and E M at P and Q, then with F as centre again and 75 feet radius describe arcs cutting F G and F H at R and S; then from the points P Q R and S draw lines at right angles to the lines F O, F M, F G, and

F H, and continue same until they intersect at the points **T W** and **W**.

THE CAPTAIN AND COACHER'S LINE.

RULE 6 With **R** and **S** as centres and 15 feet radius, describe arcs cutting lines **R W** and **S T** at **X** and **Y**, and from the points **X** and **Y** draw lines parallel with lines **F H** and **F G**, and continue same out to the boundary lines of the ground.

THE THREE FOOT LINE.

RULE 7. With **F** as centre and 45 feet radius, describe an arc cutting line **F G** at **1**, and from point **1** out to the distance of three feet draw a line at right angles to **F G** and marked point **2**; then from point **2**, draw a line parallel with the line **F G** to a point three feet beyond the point **G**, and marked **3**; then from the point **3** draw a line at right angles to line **2, 3**, back to and intersecting with line **F G** and from thence back along line **G F** to point **1**.

THE PITCHER'S PLATE.

RULE 8. With point **F** as centre and 60.5 feet as radius, describe an arc cutting the line **F B** at a point **4**, and draw a line **5, 6**, passing through point **4** and extending six inches on either side of line **F B**; then with line **5, 6** as a side, describe a parallelogram twelve inches by four inches.

THE BASES.

RULE 9. Within the angle **F**, describe a square the sides of which shall be 12 inches, two of its sides lying upon the lines **F G** and **F H**, and within the angles **G** and **H** describe squares the side of which shall be 15 inches, the two outer sides of said square lying upon the lines **F G** and **G I** and **F H** and **H I**, and at the angle **E** describe a square whose side shall be 15 inches and so described that its sides shall be parallel with **G I** and **I H** and its centre immediately over the angular point **E**.

THE BATMAN'S LINE.

RULE 10. On either side of the line **A F B** describe two parallelograms 6 feet long and 4 feet wide (marked **8** and **9**), their length being parallel with the line **A F B**, their distance apart being 6 inches added to each end of the length of the diagonal of the square within the angle **F**, and the centre of their length being upon said diagonal.

RULE 11. The Home Base at **F** and the Pitcher's Plate

at 4 must be of whitened rubber and so fixed in the ground as to be even with the surface.

RULE 12. The First Base at G, the Second Base at E, and the Third Base at H, must be of white canvas bags filled with soft material and securely fastened in their positions described in Rule 9.

RULE 13. The lines described in Rules 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 10 must be marked with lime, chalk, or other suitable material so as to be distinctly seen by the Umpire.

THE BALL.

RULE 14. The Ball.* See Foot Note.

SEC. 1. Must not weigh less than five or more than five and one-quarter ounces avoirdupois, and measure not less than nine nor more than nine and one-quarter inches in circumference. The Spalding League Ball, or the Reach American Association Ball must be used in all games played under these rules.

SEC. 2. For each championship game two balls shall be furnished by the Home Club to the Umpire for use. When the ball in play is batted to foul ground out of sight of the Umpire, the other ball shall be immediately brought into play. As often as one of the two in use shall be lost, a new one must be substituted, so that the Umpire shall at all times after the game begins, have two balls for use. The moment the Umpire delivers an alternate ball to the pitcher it comes into play, and shall not be exchanged until it, in turn, passes out of sight to foul ground. At no time shall the ball be intentionally discolored by rubbing it with the soil or otherwise.

SEC. 3. In all games the ball or balls played with shall be furnished by the Home Club, and the last ball in play becomes the property of the winning club. Each ball to be used in championship games shall be examined, measured and weighed by the Secretary of the Association, inclosed in a paper box and sealed with the seal of the Secretary, which seal shall not be broken except by the Umpire in the presence of the Captains of the two contesting nines after play has been called.

SEC. 4. Should the ball become out of shape, or cut or ripped so as to expose the interior, or in any way so injured

*The Spalding League Ball has been adopted by the National League for the past fifteen years, and is used in all League contests.

For junior clubs (clubs composed of boys under 16 years of age) we recommend them to use the Spalding Boys' League Ball and that games played by junior clubs with this ball will count as legal games the same as if played with the Official League Ball.

as to be—in the opinion of the Umpire—unfit for fair use, he shall, upon appeal by either Captain, at once put the alternate ball into play and call for a new one.

THE BAT.

RULE 15. The Bat:

Must be made wholly of hard wood except that the handle may be wound with twine, or a granulated substance applied, not to exceed eighteen inches from the end.

It must be round, not exceed two and one-half inches in diameter in the thickest part, and must not exceed forty-two inches in length.

THE PLAYERS AND THEIR POSITIONS.

RULE 16. The players of each club in a game shall be nine in number, one of whom shall act as Captain, and in no case shall less than nine men be allowed to play on each side.

RULE 17. The players' positions shall be such as may be assigned them by their Captain, except that the Pitcher must take the position as defined in Rules 8 and 29.

RULE 18. Players in uniform shall not be permitted to occupy seats among the Spectators.

RULE 19. Every Club shall adopt uniforms for its players, but no player shall attach anything to the sole or heel of his shoes other than the ordinary base ball shoe plate.

PLAYERS' BENCHES.

RULE 20. The Players' Benches must be furnished by the Home Club, and placed upon a portion of the ground outside of, and not nearer than twenty-five feet to, the Players' Lines. One such bench must be for the exclusive use of the visiting club and one for the exclusive use of the home club, and the players of the competing teams shall be required to occupy their respective benches during the progress of the game.

THE GAME.

RULE 21. SECTION I. Every Championship Game must be commenced not later than two hours before sunset.

SEC. 2. A Game shall consist of nine innings to each contesting nine, except that

(a) If the side first at bat scores less runs in nine innings than the other side has scored in eight innings, the game shall then terminate.

(b) If the side last at bat in the ninth innings scores the winning run before the third man is out, the game shall terminate.

A TIE GAME.

RULE 22. If the score be a tie at the end of nine innings, play shall be continued until one side has scored more runs than the other in an equal number of innings, provided that if the side last at bat scores the winning run before the third man is out, the game shall terminate.

A DRAWN GAME.

RULE 23. A Drawn Game shall be declared by the Umpire when he terminates a game on account of darkness or rain, after five equal innings have been played, if the score at the time is equal on the last even innings played; but (exception) if the side that went second to bat is then at the bat, and has scored the same number of runs as the other side, the Umpire shall declare the game drawn without regard to the score of the last equal innings.

A CALLED GAME.

RULE 24. If the Umpire calls "Game" on account of darkness or rain at any time after five innings have been completed, the score shall be that of the last equal innings played, unless the side second at bat shall have scored one or more runs than the side first at bat, in which case the score of the game shall be the total number of runs made.

A FORFEITED GAME.

RULE 25. A forfeited game shall be declared by the Umpire in favor of the club not in fault, at the request of such club, in the following cases:

SECTION 1. If the nine of a club fail to appear upon a field, or being upon the field fail to begin the game within five minutes after the Umpire has called "Play," at the hour appointed for the beginning of the game, unless such delay in appearing or in commencing the game be unavoidable.

SEC. 2. If, after the game has begun, one side refuses or fails to continue playing, unless such game has been suspended or terminated by the Umpire.

SEC. 3. If, after play has been suspended by the Umpire, one side fails to resume playing within *one minute* after the Umpire has called "Play."

SEC. 4. If a team resorts to dilatory practice to delay the game.

SEC. 5. If, in the opinion of the Umpire, any one of these rules is wilfully violated.

SEC. 6. If, after ordering the removal of a player as authorized by Rule 59, Sec. 5, said order is not obeyed within five minutes.

SEC. 7. In case the Umpire declares a game forfeited, he shall transmit a written notice thereof to the President of the Association within twenty-four hours thereafter.

NO GAME.

RULE 26. "No Game" shall be declared by the Umpire if he shall terminate play on account of rain or darkness, before five innings on each side are completed, except in a case when the game is called, the club second at bat shall have more runs at the end of its fourth innings than the club first at bat has made in its five innings, then the Umpire shall award the game to the club having made the greatest number of runs, and it shall be a game and be so counted in the Championship record.

SUBSTITUTES.

RULE 27. SECTION 1. In every championship game each team shall be required to have present on the field, in uniform, one or more substitute players.

SEC. 2. Any such player may be substituted at any time by either club, but no player thereby retired shall thereafter participate in the game.

SEC. 3. The Base Runner shall not have a substitute run for him except by consent of the Captains of the contesting teams.

CHOICE OF INNINGS—CONDITION OF GROUND.

RULE 28. The choice of innings shall be given to the Captain of the Home Club, who shall also be the sole judge of the fitness of the ground for beginning a game after rain.

THE PITCHER'S POSITION.

RULE 29. The pitcher shall take his position facing the batsman with both feet square on the ground, and in front of the pitcher's plate, but in the act of delivering the ball one foot must be in contact with the pitcher's plate defined in Rule 8. He shall not raise either foot, unless in the act of delivering the ball, nor make more than one step in such delivery. He shall hold the ball, before the delivery fairly in front of his body, and in sight of the Umpire. When the pitcher feigns to throw the ball to a base he must resume the above position and pause momentarily before delivering the ball to the bat.

THE DELIVERY OF THE BALL—FAIR AND UNFAIR BALLS.

RULE 30. A Fair Ball is a ball delivered by the pitcher while standing in his position, and facing the Batsman, the ball so delivered, to pass over the Home Base, not lower than the Batsman's knee, nor higher than his shoulder.

RULE 31. An Unfair Ball is a ball delivered by the Pitcher, as in Rule 30, except that the ball does not pass over the Home Base, or does pass over the Home Base above the Batsman's shoulder or below the knee.

BALKING.

RULE 32. A Balk shall be

SECTION 1. Any motion made by the Pitcher to deliver the ball to the bat without delivering it.

SEC. 2. The holding of the ball by the pitcher so long as to delay the game unnecessarily.

SEC. 3. Any motion in delivering the ball to the bat by the Pitcher while not in the position defined in Rule 29.

DEAD BALLS.

RULE 33. A Dead Ball is a ball delivered to the bat by the Pitcher that touches any part of the Batsman's person or clothing while standing in his position without being struck at; or any part of the Umpire's person or clothing, while on foul ground, without first passing the Catcher.

RULE 34. In case of a Foul Strike, Foul Hit ball not legally caught out, Dead Ball, or Base Runner put out for being struck by a fair hit ball, the ball shall not be considered in play until it is held by the pitcher standing in his position.

BLOCK BALLS.

RULE 35. SECTION 1. A Block is a batted or thrown ball that is stopped or handled by any person not engaged in the game.

SEC. 2. Whenever a Block occurs the Umpire shall declare it, and Base Runners may run the bases without being put out until the ball has been returned to and held by the pitcher standing in his position.

SEC. 3. In the case of a Block, if the person not engaged in the game should retain possession of the ball, or throw or kick it beyond the reach of the Fielders, the Umpire should call "Time," and require each Base Runner to stop at the last base touched by him until the ball be returned to the pitcher standing in his position.

THE BATSMAN'S POSITION—ORDER OF BATTING.

RULE 36. The batsmen must take their positions within the Batsmen's Lines, as defined in Rule 10, in the order in which they are named in the batting order, which batting order must be submitted by the Captains of the opposing teams to the Umpire before the game, and when approved

by him this batting order must be followed except in the case of a substitute player, in which case the substitute must take the place of the original player in the batting order. After the first inning the first striker in each inning shall be the batsman whose name follows that of the last man who has completed his turn—time at bat—in the preceding inning.

RULE 37. SECTION 1. When their side goes to the bat the players must immediately return to the players' bench as defined in Rule 20, and remain there until the side is put out, except when batsmen or base runner; provided that the Captain and one assistant only may occupy the space between the Players' Lines and the Captain's Lines to coach base runners.

SEC. 2. No player of the side at bat, except when batsman, shall occupy any portion of the space within the Catcher's Lines, as defined in Rule 3. The triangular space behind the Home Base is reserved for the exclusive use of Umpire, Catcher and Batsman, and the Umpire must prohibit any player of the side "at bat" from crossing the same at any time while the ball is in the hands of, or passing between the Pitcher and Catcher, while standing in their positions.

SEC. 3. The players of the side "at bat" must occupy the portion of the field allotted them, but must speedily vacate any portion thereof that may be in the way of the ball, or any Fielder attempting to catch or field it.

THE BATTING RULES.

RULE 38. A Fair hit is a ball batted by the batsman, standing in his position, that first touches any part of the person of a player or umpire or falls within the foul lines, that (whether it first touches Foul or Fair Ground) bounds or rolls within the Foul Lines, between Home and First, or Home and Third Bases, without interference by a player.

RULE 39. A Foul Hit is a ball batted by the Batsman, standing in his position, that first touches the ground, any part of the person of a player, or any object behind either of the Foul Lines, or that strikes the person of such Batsman, while standing in his position, or batted directly to the ground by the Batsman, standing in his position, that (whether it first touches Foul or Fair Ground) bounds or rolls outside the Foul Lines, between Home and First or Home and Third Bases without interference by a player. *Provided*, that a Foul Hit ball not rising above the Batsman's head, and caught by the Catcher playing within ten feet of the Home Base, shall be termed a Foul Tip.

RULE 40. A bunt hit is a fair hit to the ground within the infield.

BALLS BATTED OUTSIDE THE GROUNDS.

RULE 41. When a batted ball passes outside the grounds, the Umpire shall decide it Fair should it disappear within, or Foul should it disappear outside of, the range of the Foul Lines, and Rules 38 and 39 are to be construed accordingly.

RULE 42. A Fair Batted ball that goes over the fence shall entitle the batsman to a home run, except that should it go over the fence at a less distance than two hundred and thirty-five feet from the Home Base, when he shall be entitled to two bases only, and a distinctive line shall be marked on the fence at this point.

STRIKES.

RULE 43. A strike is

SECTION 1. A ball struck at by the Batsman without its touching his bat; or

SEC. 2. A Fair Ball legally delivered by the Pitcher, but not struck at by the Batsman.

SEC. 3. Any obvious attempt to make a Foul Hit.

SEC. 4. A foul hit, other than a foul tip, made by the batsman while attempting a bunt hit, as defined in Rule 40, that falls or rolls upon foul ground between home base and first base or home base and third base.

SEC. 5. A ball struck at, if the ball touches any part of the batsman's person.

RULE 44. A Foul Strike is a ball batted by the Batsman when any part of his person is upon ground outside the lines of the Batsman's position.

THE BATSMAN IS OUT.

RULE 45. The Batsman is out:

SECTION 1. If he fails to take his position at the bat in his order of batting, unless the error be discovered and the proper Batsman takes his position before a fair hit has been made; and in such case the balls and strikes called must be counted in the time at bat of the proper batsman. *Provided*, this rule shall not take effect unless *the out* is declared before the ball is delivered to the succeeding Batsman.

SEC. 2. If he fails to take his position within one minute after the Umpire has called for the Batsman.

SEC. 3. If he makes a Foul Hit other than a Foul Tip as defined in Rule 39, and the ball be momentarily held by a Fielder before touching the ground, provided it be not caught

in a Fielder's hat or cap, or touch some object other than a Fielder, before being caught.

SEC. 4. If he makes a Foul Strike.

SEC. 5. If he attempts to hinder the Catcher from fielding or throwing the ball by stepping outside the lines of his position, or otherwise obstructing or interfering with that player.

SEC. 6. If, while the First Base be occupied by a base runner, three strikes be called on him by the Umpire, except when two men are already out.

SEC. 7. If, after two strikes have been called the Batsman obviously attempts to make a foul hit, as in Section 3, Rule 43.

SEC. 8. If, while attempting a third strike the ball touches any part of the batsman's person, in which event base runners occupying bases shall return as prescribed in Section 5, Rule 49.

SEC. 9. If he hits a fly ball that can be handled by an infielder while first base is occupied with only one out.

SEC. 10. If the third strike is called in accordance with Section 4, Rule 43.

BASE RUNNING RULES.

WHEN THE BATSMAN BECOMES A BASE RUNNER.

RULE 46. The Batsman becomes a base runner:

SECTION 1. Instantly after he makes a Fair Hit.

SEC. 2. Instantly after four balls have been called by the Umpire.

SEC. 3. Instantly after three strikes have been declared by the Umpire

SEC. 4. If, while he be a batsman without making an attempt to strike his person—excepting hands or forearm, which makes it a dead ball—or clothing be hit by a ball from the Pitcher, unless—in the opinion of the Umpire—he intentionally permits himself to be so hit.

SEC. 5. Instantly after an illegal delivery of a ball by the Pitcher.

BASES TO BE TOUCHED.

RULE 47. The Base Runner must touch each base in regular order, viz., First, Second, Third and Home Bases; and when obliged to return (except on a foul hit) must retouch the base or base in reverse order. He shall only be considered as holding a base after touching it, and shall then be entitled to hold such base until he has legally touched the next base in order, or has been legally forced to vacate it for a succeeding Base Runner.

ENTITLED TO BASES.

RULE 48. The Base Runner shall be entitled, without being put out, to take the Base in the following cases.

SECTION 1. If, while he was Batsman, the Umpire called four Balls.

SEC. 2. If the Umpire awards a succeeding batsman a base on four balls, or for being hit with a pitched ball, or in case of an illegal delivery—as in Rule 46, Sec. 5—and the Base Runner is thereby forced to vacate the base held by him.

SEC. 3. If the Umpire calls a “balk.”

SEC. 4. If a ball, delivered by the Pitcher, pass the Catcher and touch the Umpire, or any fence or building within ninety feet of the Home Base.

SEC. 5. If upon a fair hit the Ball strikes the person or clothing of the Umpire on fair ground.

SEC. 6. If he be prevented from making a base by the obstruction of an adversary.

SEC. 7. If the Fielder stop or catch a batted ball with his hat, or any part of his dress.

RETURNING TO BASES.

RULE 49. The Base Runner shall return to his Base, and shall be entitled to so return without being put out:

SECTION 1. If the umpire declares a Foul Tip (as defined in Rule 39) or any other Foul Hit not legally caught by a fielder.

SEC. 2. If the Umpire declares a Foul Strike.

SEC. 3. If the Umpire declares a Dead Ball, unless it be also the fourth Unfair Ball and he be thereby forced to take the next base, as provided in Rule 48, Sec. 2.

SEC. 4. If the person or clothing of the Umpire interferes with the Catcher or he is struck by a ball thrown by the Catcher to intercept a Base Runner.

SEC. 5. The Base Runner shall return to his base, if, while attempting a strike, the ball touches any part of the Batsman's person.

WHEN BASE RUNNERS ARE OUT.

RULE 50. The Base Runner is out:

SECTION 1. If, after three strikes have been declared against him while Batsman, and the Catcher fail to catch the third strike ball, he plainly attempts to hinder the Catcher from fielding the ball.

SEC. 2. If, having made a Fair Hit while Batsman, such fair hit ball be momentarily held by a Fielder, before touching the ground, or any object other than a Fielder: *Provided*, it be not caught in a Fielder's hat or cap.

SEC. 3. If, when the Umpire has declared three strikes on him, while Batsman, the third strike ball be momentarily held by a Fielder before touching the ground: *Provided*, it be not caught in a Fielder's hat or cap, or touch some object other than a Fielder, before being caught.

SEC. 4. If, after Three Strikes or a Fair Hit, he be touched with the ball in the hand of a Fielder *before* he shall have touched First Base.

SEC. 5. If, after Three Strikes or a Fair Hit, the ball be securely held by a Fielder, while touching First Base with any part of his person, *before* such Base Runner touches First Base.

SEC. 6. If, in running the last half of the distance from Home Base to First Base, while the ball is being fielded to First Base, he runs outside the Three Feet Lines, as defined in Rule 7 unless to avoid a Fielder attempting to field a Batted Ball.

SEC. 7. If, in running from First to Second Base, from Second to Third Base, or from Third to Home Base he runs more than three feet from a direct line between such bases to avoid being touched by the ball in the hands of a Fielder; but in case a Fielder be occupying the Base Runner's proper path, attempting to field a batted ball, then the Base Runner shall run out of the path, and behind said Fielder, and shall not be declared out for so doing.

SEC. 8. If he fails to avoid a Fielder attempting to field a batted ball, in the manner described in Sections 6 and 7 of this Rule; or if he in any way obstructs a Fielder attempting to field a batted ball, or intentionally interferes with a thrown ball: *Provided*, that if two or more Fielders attempt to field a batted ball, and the Base Runner comes in contact with one or more of them, the Umpire shall determine which Fielder is entitled to the benefit of this Rule, and shall not decide the Base Runner out for coming in contact with any other fielder.

SEC. 9. If, at any time while the ball is in play, he be touched by the ball in the hands of a Fielder, unless some part of his person is touching a base he is entitled to occupy. *Provided*, the ball be held by the Fielder after touching him; but (exception as to First Base), in running to First Base, he may overrun said base without being put out for being off said base after first touching it, provided he returns at once and retouches the base, after which he may be put out as at any other base. If, in overrunning First Base, he also attempts to run to second Base, or, after passing the base he turns to his left from the foul line, he shall forfeit such exemption from being put out.

SEC. 10. If, when a Fair or Foul Hit ball (other than a foul tip as referred to in Rule 39) is legally caught by a Fielder, such ball is legally held by a Fielder on the base occupied by the Base Runner when such ball was struck (or the Base Runner be touched with the ball in the hands of a Fielder), before he retouches said base after such Fair or Foul Hit ball was so caught. *Provided* that the Base Runner shall not be out in such case, if, after the ball was legally caught as above, it be delivered to the bat by the Pitcher before the Fielder holds it on said base, or touches the Base Runner with it; but if the Base Runner in attempting to reach a base, detaches it before being touched or forced out, he shall be declared safe.

SEC. 11. If, when a Batsman becomes a Base Runner, the First Base, or the First and Second Bases, or the First, Second and Third Bases, be occupied, any Base Runner so occupying a base shall cease to be entitled to hold it, until any following Base Runner is put out, and may be put out at the next base or by being touched by the ball in the hands of a Fielder in the same manner as in running to First Base, at any time before any following Base Runner is put out.

SEC. 12. If a Fair Hit ball strike him *before touching the Fielder*, and in such case no base shall be run unless forced by the Batsman becoming a Base Runner, and no run shall be scored; or any other Base Runner put out.

SEC. 13. If when running to a base or forced to return to a base, he fail to touch the intervening base or bases if any, in the order prescribed in Rule 47, he may be put out at the base he fails to touch, or by being touched by the ball in the hands of a Fielder, in the same manner as in running to First Base.

SEC. 14. If when the Umpire calls "Play," after any suspension of a game he fails to return to and touch the base he occupied when "Time" was called before touching the next base.

WHEN BATSMAN OR BASE RUNNER IS OUT.

RULE 51. The Umpire shall declare the Batsman or Base Runner out, without waiting for an appeal for such decision, in all cases where such player is put out in accordance with these rules, except as provided in Rule 50, Sections 10 and 14.

COACHING RULES.

RULE 52. The coaches are restricted to coaching the Base Runner only, and are not allowed to address any

remarks except to the Base Runner, and then only in words of necessary direction; and shall not use language which will in any manner refer to or reflect upon a player of the opposing club, the umpire or the spectators, and not more than two coaches, who may be one player participating in the game and any other player under contract to it, in the uniform of either club, shall be allowed at any one time. To enforce the above, the Captain of the opposite side may call the attention of the Umpire to the offence, and upon a repetition of the same, the offending player shall be debarred from further coaching during the game.

THE SCORING OF RUNS.

RULE 53. One run shall be scored every time a base runner, after having legally touched the first three bases, shall touch the Home Base before three men are put out by (exception). If the third man is forced out, or is put out before reaching First Base, a run shall not be scored.

THE UMPIRE.

RULE 54. The Umpire shall not be changed during the progress of a game, except for reason of illness or injury.

HIS POWERS AND JURISDICTION.

RULE 55. SECTION 1. The Umpire is master of the Field from the commencement to the termination of the game, and is entitled to the respect of the spectators, and any person offering any insult or indignity to him must be promptly ejected from the grounds.

SEC. 2. He must be invariably addressed by the players as Mr. Umpire; and he must compel the players to observe the provisions of all the Playing Rules, and he is hereby invested with authority to order any player to do or omit to do any act as he may deem necessary, to give force and effect to any and all of such provisions.

SPECIAL DUTIES.

RULE 56. The Umpire's duties shall be as follows:

SECTION 1. The Umpire is the sole and absolute judge of play. In no instance shall any person except the Captain of the competing teams be allowed to address him or question his decisions and they can only question him on an interpretation of the Rules. No Manager or any other officer of either club shall be permitted to go on the field or address the Umpire, under a penalty of a forfeiture of a game.

SEC. 2. Before the commencement of a Game, the Umpire shall see that the rules governing all the materials

of the game are strictly observed. He shall ask the Captain of the Home Club whether there are any special ground rules to be enforced, and if there are, he shall see that they are duly enforced, provided they do not conflict with any of these rules.

SEC. 3. The Umpire must keep the contesting nines playing constantly from the commencement of the game to its termination, allowing such delays only as are rendered unavoidable by accident, injury or rain. He must, until the completion of the game, require the players of each side to promptly take their positions in the field as soon as the third man is put out, and must require the first striker of the opposite side to be in his position at the bat as soon as the fielders are in their places.

SEC. 4. The Umpire shall count and call every "unfair ball" delivered by the Pitcher, and every "dead ball," if also an unfair ball, as a "ball," and he shall also count and call every "strike." Neither a "ball" nor a "strike" shall be counted or called until the ball has passed the Home Base. He shall also declare every "Dead Ball," "Block," "Foul Hit," "Foul Strike," and "Balk."

CALLING "PLAY" AND "TIME."

RULE 57. The Umpire must call "Play" promptly at the hour designated by the Home Club, and on the call of "Play" the game must immediately begin. When he calls "Time" play shall be suspended until he calls "Play" again, and during the interim no player shall be put out, base be run or run be scored. The Umpire shall suspend play only for an accident to himself or a player (but in case of accident to a Fielder, "Time" shall not be called until the ball be returned to and held by the Pitcher, standing in his position), or in case rain falls so heavily that the spectators are compelled, by the severity of the storm, to seek shelter, in which case he shall note the time of suspension, and should such rain continue to fall thirty minutes thereafter, he shall terminate the game; or to enforce order in case of annoyance from spectators.

RULE 58. The Umpire is only allowed, by the Rules, to call "Time" in case of an accident to himself or a player, a "Block," as referred to in Rule 35, Sec. 3, or in case of rain, as defined by the Rule.

INFLECTING FINES.

RULE 59. The Umpire is empowered to inflict fines of not less than \$5.00 nor more than \$25.00 for the first offence on players during the progress of a game, as follows:

SECTION 1. For improper language addressed to a spectator, the Umpire, or any player.

SEC. 2. For the Captain or Coacher wilfully failing to remain within the legal bounds of his position, except upon an appeal by the Captain from the Umpire's decision upon a misinterpretation of the rules.

SEC. 3. For the disobedience by a player of any other of his orders or for any other violation of these rules.

SEC. 4. In case the Umpire imposes a fine on a player, he shall at once notify the Captain of the offending player's side, and shall transmit a written notice thereof to the President of the Association or League within twenty-four hours thereafter, under the penalty of having said fine taken from his own salary.

SEC. 5. The Umpire may remove a player for a violation of Section 1 of this Rule in lieu of a fine, but, under no circumstances, shall he remove a player for a violation of Section 2 of this Rule, unless upon a repetition of the offence prescribed therein.

FIELD RULES.

RULE 60. No Club shall allow open betting or pool selling upon its ground, nor in any building owned or occupied by it.

RULE 61. No person shall be allowed upon any part of the field during the progress of the game, in addition to the players in uniform, the Manager on each side and the Umpire; except such officers of the law as may be present in uniform, and such officials of the Home Club as may be necessary to preserve the peace.

RULE 62. No Umpire, Manager, Captain or player shall address the spectators during the progress of a game, except in case of necessary explanation.

RULE 63. Every Club shall furnish sufficient police force upon its own grounds to preserve order, and in the event of a crowd entering the field during the progress of a game, and interfering with the play in any manner, the Visiting Club may refuse to play further until the field be cleared. If the ground be not cleared within fifteen minutes thereafter, the Visiting Club may claim, and shall be entitled to, the game by a score of nine runs to none (no matter what number of innings have been played).

GENERAL DEFINITIONS.

RULE 64. "Play" is the order of the Umpire to begin the game, or to resume play after its suspension.

RULE 65. "Time" is the order of the Umpire to suspend

play. Such suspension must not extend beyond the day of the game.

RULE 66. "Game" is the announcement by the Umpire that the game is terminated.

RULE 67. "An Inning" is the term at bat of the nine players representing a Club in a game, and is completed when three of such players have been put out as provided in these rules.

RULE 68. "A Time at Bat" is the term at bat of a Batsman. It begins when he takes his position, and continues until he is put out or becomes a base runner; except when because of being hit by a pitched ball, or in case of an illegal delivery by the Pitcher, or in case of a sacrifice hit purposely made to the infield which, not being a base hit, advances a base runner without resulting in a put out, except to the Batsman as in Rule 45.

RULE 69. "Legal" or "Legally" signifies as required by these Rules.

SCORING.

RULE 70. In order to promote uniformity in scoring Championship Games the following instructions, suggestions and definitions are made for the benefit of scorers, and they are required to make all scores in accordance therewith.

BATTING.

SECTION 1. The first item in the tabulated score, after the player's name and position, shall be the number of times he has been at bat during game. The time or times when the player has been sent to base by being hit by a pitched ball, by the Pitcher's illegal delivery, or by a base on balls, shall not be included in this column.

SEC. 2. In the second column should be set down the runs made by each player.

SEC. 3. In the third column should be placed the first base hits made by each player. A base hit should be scored in the following cases:

When the Ball from the bat strikes the ground within the foul lines, and out of reach of the Fielders.

When a hit ball is partially or wholly stopped by a Fielder in motion, but such player cannot recover himself in time to handle the ball before the striker reaches First Base.

When a hit ball is hit so sharply to an infielder that he cannot handle it in time to put out the Batsman. In case of doubt over this class of hits, score a base hit, and exempt the Fielder from the charge of an error.

When a ball is hit so slowly toward a Fielder that he cannot handle it in time to put out the Batsman.

That in all cases where a Base Runner is retired by being hit by a batted ball, the Batsman should be credited with a base hit.

When a batted ball hits the person or clothing of the Umpire, as defined in Sec. 5, Rule 48.

SEC. 4. In the fourth column shall be placed Sacrifice hits, which shall be credited to the Batsman, who, when no one is out, or when but one man is out, advances a runner a base by a bunt sacrifice hit, which results in putting out the Batsman, or would so result if the ball were handled without error.

FIELDING.

SEC. 5. The number of opponents put out by each player shall be set down in the fifth column. Where a batsman is given out by the Umpire for a foul strike, or where the Batsman fails to bat in proper order, the put out shall be scored to the Catcher.

SEC. 6. The number of times the player assists shall be set down in the sixth column. An assist should be given to each player who handles the ball in assisting a run out or other play of the kind.

An assist should be given to a player who makes a play in time to put a runner out, even if the player who could complete the play fails, through no fault of the player assisting.

And generally an assist should be given to each player who handles or assists in any manner in handling the ball from the time it leaves the bat until it reaches the player who makes the put out, or in case of a thrown ball, to each player who throws or handles it cleanly, and in such a way that a put out results, or would result if no error were made by the receiver.

ERRORS.

SEC. 7. An error shall be given in the seventh column for each misplay which allows the striker or base runner to make one or more bases when perfect play would have insured his being put out, except that "wild pitches," "base on balls," bases on the batsman being struck by a "pitched ball," or in case of illegal pitched balls, balks and passed balls, shall not be included in said column. In scoring errors of batted balls see Section 3 of this Rule.

STOLEN BASES.

SEC. 8. Stolen bases shall be scored as follows:

Any attempt to steal a base must go to the credit of the base runner, whether the ball is thrown wild or muffed by the fielder, but any manifest error is to be charged to the fielder making the same. If the base runner advances another base he shall not be credited with a stolen base, and the fielder allowing the advancement is also to be charged with an error. If a base runner makes a start and a battery error is made, the runner secures the credit of a stolen base, and the battery error is scored against the player making it. Should a base runner overrun a base and then be put out, he shall receive the credit for the stolen base. If a Base Runner advances a base on a fly out, or gains two bases on a single base hit, or an infield out, or attempted out, he shall be credited with a stolen base, provided there is a possible chance and a palpable attempt made to retire him.

EARNED RUNS.

SEC. 9. An earned run shall be scored every time the player reaches the home base unaided by errors before chances have been offered to retire the side.

THE SUMMARY.

RULE 71. The Summary shall contain:

SECTION 1. The number of earned runs made by each side.

SEC. 2. The number of two-base hits made by each player.

SEC. 3. The number of three-base hits made by each player.

SEC. 4. The number of home runs made by each player.

SEC. 5. The number of bases stolen by each player.

SEC. 6. The number of double and triple plays made by each side, and the names of the players assisting in the same.

SEC. 7. The number of men given bases on called balls by each Pitcher.

SEC. 8. The number of men given bases from being hit by pitched balls.

SEC. 9. The number of men struck out.

SEC. 10. The number of passed balls by each Catcher.

SEC. 11. The number of wild pitches by each Pitcher.

SEC. 12. The time of game.

SEC. 13. The name of the Umpire.

NATIONAL AGREEMENT OF PROFESSIONAL BASE BALL ASSOCIATIONS.

This Agreement between the National League and American Association of Professional Base Ball Clubs hereinafter designated as the party of the first part, such eligible professional base ball associations as shall, with the assent of the National Board of Professional Base Ball Associations, be admitted to Class A and become signatory parties hereto—hereinafter designated as the parties of the second part, and such other eligible professional base ball associations as shall, with the assent of said National Board, be admitted to Class B and become signatory parties hereto—hereinafter designated as the parties of the third part. Witnesseth, That

1. This instrument shall be called the National Agreement of Professional Base Ball Associations.

2. The general enforcement of this Agreement, the protection of rights thereunder, the determination of all controversies as hereinafter provided, and generally the regulation of all things within the scope of this Agreement, are each and severally conferred upon and committed to a Board to be known as "The National Board of Professional Base Ball Associations." This Board shall consist of three delegates, representing the party of the first part, and one delegate representing each of the parties of the second part, elected each year by their respective constituent associations. The officers of the Board shall consist of a chairman, secretary and treasurer, which offices may be filled by either one, two or three persons. All officers, assistants, agents or employees shall be selected, and all other questions, except as hereinafter prescribed, shall be decided by the entire Board, a majority of the delegates of the parties of the first part concurring in such selection and decision. A quorum for the transaction of business shall be constituted by the presence of a majority of the delegates of the party of the first part.

3. The Board may adopt rules and regulations prescribing the duties of each and all of its officers, its method of procedure and the general transaction of its business.

4. It shall be the duty of the Board, and it shall have full and final jurisdiction:

(a) To hear and determine all disputes and complaints between associations and clubs; between one club and another, members of different associations; between clubs and players or managers, and, in addition thereto, all disputes and complaints arising under and of all matters involving the interpretation of the National Agreement or

the disposition of the rights thereunder. Clubs belonging to the same association, by mutual consent, or upon the request of the association to which they belong, may refer any controversy between such clubs or in which such clubs are interested, to the Board for decision or adjustment.

(b) In the performance of its duties the Board shall have power to impose fines or penalties upon associations, clubs, club officers, players, managers, scorers and umpires, and to suspend any such organization or person from the protection and privileges of the National Agreement in any instances in which, in its opinion, it or he shall have been guilty of conduct detrimental to the general welfare of the game, or in violation of the letter or spirit of the National Agreement.

(c) Its decisions shall be final over any and all matters within its jurisdiction.

(d) It may reinstate any person or body suspended.

(e) It shall have power to make such reasonable assessments upon clubs or associations as may be necessary to defray the expenses incidental to the performance of its duties and the enforcement of this Agreement.

(f) It may make all orders, rules and regulations, which it may deem necessary for the performance of its duties and the exercise of its powers, and to accomplish the purpose in view in its establishment and amend and supplement the same from time to time; provided, prior notice of any proposed amendments or supplements be given to all members of the Board before action be taken thereon.

(g) It may cause the proceedings or rulings, or any part thereof, in any case which may be deemed of sufficient importance to serve as a precedent, to be published in such a manner as may be prescribed.

(h) Whenever anybody or person shall desire to submit any matter for the consideration of the Board it shall be presented to the chairman by a concise statement thereof, and accompanied by such evidence as may be in support of such statement. Notice shall be given to any other body or person interested in the matter, to make answer and to present appropriate evidence in support thereof.

5. (a) Associations parties of the second part shall be known and designated as members of Class A, and associations parties of the third part shall be known and designated as members of Class B, and an association of either class whose membership shall at any time be reduced to less than four clubs actually engaged in a schedule of championship games during and to the close of the season shall cease to be parties to, and forfeit all rights, privileges and protection under the National Agreement.

(b) When an association applies for protection and classification under the National Agreement, it shall include and state in its application to the secretary of the Board: The class, A or B, into which it seeks admission; the list of its club members with the respective location of their business offices and playing grounds; the monthly salary limit for its club teams and maximum monthly salary limit of their players; a copy of the constitution and by-laws of the association; a pledge or agreement for the maintenance of said salary limit and the faithful performance of its obligations under the National Agreement, its own constitution and by-laws, and its other contractual obligations; which classification, club membership, location of club offices and playing grounds, salary limit, constitution, by-laws and pledge or agreement shall not, after approval by the Board, be changed, modified, altered or released without the assent of the Board.

(c) Class A shall constitute associations whose clubs shall have the privilege of contracting with their players for one, two or three seasons or years, and of reservation, in accordance with Art. 9, of players under contract of only one season or year; subject to the right of "selection" of their players by a club member of the party of the first part, in accordance with Art. 8, at the rate of \$1,000 for the release of each player so "selected." When such association shall consist of but four clubs, it shall pay to the secretary of the Board \$250 for each of said clubs; when of six clubs, \$200 for each of said clubs; when of eight or more clubs, \$150 for each of said clubs. Such payments to be made before the beginning of the championship season.

(d) Class B shall constitute associations whose clubs shall have the privilege of contracting with their players for but one season with or without reservation (in accordance with Art. 9) as they may elect by notice to the secretary of the Board prior to the beginning of their championship season. Such association shall be subject to the right of "selection" by a club member of either of the parties of the first and second part, in accordance with Art. 6, at the rate of \$500 for the release of each player so "selected"—if entitled to reservation privileges.

When such association shall elect reservation privileges, it shall pay to the secretary of the Board for each of its clubs one half the sums payable, as above prescribed, for associations in Class A, and, when not entitled to reservation privileges, the sum of twenty-five dollars per club prior to the beginning of the playing season.

6. (a) For the purpose of enabling players to advance in

their profession, a club member of the party of the first part may, at any time after October 1, in any year, and before February 1, of the succeeding year, with the consent of the Board, negotiate with any player then under contract with or reservation by a club member of such association, and "select" such player upon payment of the sum specified in Art. 5. And a club member of an association in Class A may negotiate with and make similar "selection" of a player then under contract and reservation by a club member of an association in Class B. Provided that no such "selection" shall be enforced, and no transfer of a player shall be made unless he shall receive an increase of salary.

(b) Any club entitled to make a "selection" of a player and desiring to do so, shall notify the secretary of the Board, stating the name of the player and the club with which he is under contract of reservation, and inclosing the amount specified in Art. 5, to be paid for such release. The secretary shall thereupon notify the club or association from which such "selection" is to be made, and shall order his transfer to the "selecting" club. Notice of such transfer shall thereupon be promulgated.

7. Contracts between clubs and players shall be in writing in the form prescribed by the Board. An informal contract, whether evidenced by telegrams or other writing, shall be valid for a period not exceeding thirty days, until a contract in the prescribed form shall be tendered by the contracting club to the contracting player. The failure of the club to so tender such formal contract will release the player from all contractual obligations thereunder, and the refusal of the player to execute such formal contract when so tendered shall extend the validity of his informal contract until he shall execute said formal contract.

8. No club shall at any time enter into negotiations or contract with any player under contract to or reservation by another club without the latter's consent, under such fines and penalties as the Board may inflict.

9. On or before the tenth day of October in each year, the secretaries of associations, parties hereto, entitled to privilege of reservation, shall transmit to the secretary of the Board a reserve list of players, not exceeding fourteen in number, then under contract with each of its several club members, for the current or for any succeeding season or seasons, and in addition thereto a list of such players reserved in any prior annual reserve list, who have refused to contract with such clubs, and of all ineligible players. Such players, together with all others thereafter to be regularly contracted with by such clubs, are and shall be ineligible

to contract with any other club of any association, except as herein prescribed. The secretary of said Board shall thereupon promulgate such lists, provided that no club shall be permitted to reserve any player while in arrears of salary to him.

10. The Board may also release from contract or reservation any player or manager, when the club with which he has contracted, or by which he has been reserved, shall be in arrears to him for salary for more than fifteen days after such salary became due; or when the reserving club has failed to tender to any player, on or before the 1st day of March, after such reservation, a formal contract, with a salary of at least such an amount per month as the Board may fix as the minimum salary to be paid to such player, or when any such reserving club has transferred its membership after the close of a championship season to a different association, if the Board shall deem that the player will be prejudiced by such transfer.

11. When a player under contract or reservation by any club of an association party hereto shall be expelled, suspended or rendered ineligible, in accordance with the rules of such association, notice of such disqualification shall be given to the said Board by the secretary of the association from whose club the player may have been thus disqualified, and the Board shall forthwith give notice of such disqualification to the several clubs acting under this Agreement. When a player shall become ineligible under the provisions of this Agreement, or by order of the Board, the secretary of the Board shall notify the several clubs acting under this agreement of such disqualification. From the receipt of any such notice all club members of associations acting under this Agreement shall be debarred from employing or playing with or against such disqualified player until the period of disqualification shall have terminated or the disqualification be revoked by the association from which such player was disqualified, or by the Board, and due notice of such revocation shall be given by the Board to the said several clubs.

12. Any player, who has entered into a contract with any club of any association party hereto, may be suspended without pay or fined by such club or association for breach of contract or breach of any of the rules of such club or association, and he shall thereafter be ineligible to sign or play during the remainder of the current season with any of the clubs of any associations acting hereunder, unless such disability shall have been sooner removed by the club or association by which he was suspended, or by the Board.

THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE NATIONAL BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL BASE BALL ASSOCIATIONS.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD.

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The following rules and regulations have been adopted by the National Board of Professional Base Ball Associations and are here given in order that they may be understood by all those interested. The same being adopted and to remain in force until repealed, altered, added to, or amended.

THE CHAIRMAN.

1. The duties of the Chairman shall be as follows:

a. To issue calls for meetings of the Board and preside at such meetings, having all powers with reference thereto which are incident to a presiding officer.

b. To rule upon and decide all incidental and routine matters presented for determination, with power to delegate this duty to the Secretary or any member of the Board.

c. To supervise the performance of the duties imposed upon the other members of the Board.

d. To see that each and all of the orders of this Board are complied with.

THE SECRETARY AND TREASURER.

2. The offices of the Secretary and Treasurer may be filled by one and the same person, and the duties of such officer shall be as follows:

a. To receive, receipt for and disburse all moneys payable to this Board, and to make all financial statements required by the provisions of the National Agreement.

b. To keep the records of the proceedings of the Board, together with all the records required to be kept by the provisions of the National Agreement.

c. To issue all notices required by the National Agreement to be issued.

d. To give interpretation to the playing rules when requested so to do, pursuant to the provisions of the National Agreement.

e. To receive all applications for membership under the National Agreement, and to see that the applicants pay their proper dues.

f. To give notice of all fines and penalties imposed by the Board, and to see that the same are paid.

g. To attend to such other matters as may be required of him by the Board and to keep records of all the business and duties connected with the Board.

ELECTIONS.

The Chairman and the Secretary and Treasurer shall be elected annually, at some meeting after the first of January, and shall hold until their successors are elected and qualify.

OPINIONS AND DECISIONS.

Whenever any controversy or matter to be submitted to the Board for adjustment or decision shall be forwarded, together with all evidence and documents therewith connected, to the Secretary and Treasurer, he shall, after submitting the same to the Board, promulgate or publish the opinion which must be prepared by the Chairman or such other member of the Board as he shall designate.

SELECTION OF PLAYERS.

Whenever any player shall be "selected" by more than one club, the Board will award him to the club which shall have first filed formal notice with the Secretary that it desires the services of said player. Such notice, however, must be accompanied by the deposit required by the provisions of the National Agreement, otherwise such notice will be of no effect and void. A player so awarded shall be ineligible to sign with any other club, and upon declining to abide by the decisions of the Board, may be included in the regular list of reserved players of the club selecting him as per the provisions of Section 9 of the National Agreement.

ACCEPTED PLAYERS.

Whenever the services of any player released under the provisions of the National Agreement are accepted by any club or association, authorized so to do by the provisions of such agreement, notice thereof shall be at once given to the Secretary, who shall accordingly promulgate the fact.

PAYMENTS.

All expenses of the Board, including compensation to the Secretary and Treasurer, or any other officer or member of the Board for special work performed, telegraphing, postage, and such other expenses as shall be allowed, must be paid by check of the Secretary and Treasurer and vouchers taken therefor, which vouchers shall be submitted at least once a year to the Board for examination and approval.

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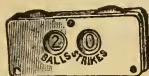


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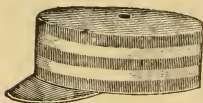
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